

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 384

To prohibit the operation during a calendar year of the final rule issued by the Secretary of Agriculture to establish standards for the designation of minimal-risk regions for the introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, including designation of Canada as a minimal-risk region, and the importation into the United States from Canada of certain bovine ruminant products during that calendar year, unless country of origin labeling is required for the retail sale of a covered commodity during that calendar year.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2005

Ms. HERSETH (for herself and Mrs. CUBIN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL CONDITION ON APPLICATION OF**  
4 **FINAL RULE REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT**  
5 **OF MINIMAL-RISK REGIONS, INCLUDING CAN-**  
6 **ADA, FOR BOVINE SPONGIFORM**  
7 **ENCEPHALOPATHY AND IMPORTATION OF**  
8 **CERTAIN BOVINE RUMINANT PRODUCTS.**

9        If mandatory country of origin labeling is not re-  
10 quired for the retail sale of a covered commodity during  
11 any calendar year under subtitle D of the Agricultural  
12 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638 et seq.), during  
13 that calendar year—

14            (1) the final rule issued by the Secretary of Ag-  
15 riculture on January 4, 2005, amending parts 93,  
16 94, 95, and 96 of title 9 of the Code of Federal Reg-  
17 ulations to establish standards for the designation of  
18 minimal-risk regions for the introduction of bovine  
19 spongiform encephalopathy into the United States,  
20 to provide for the importation of certain ruminants,  
21 ruminant products, and ruminant byproducts from  
22 such minimal-risk regions, and to designate Canada  
23 as a minimal-risk region (and any successor regula-  
24 tions) shall not apply; and

1           (2) any bovine ruminant product that (as of the  
2           date of enactment of this Act) was permitted to be  
3           imported into the United States from Canada, may  
4           not be imported into the United States from Can-  
5           ada.

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