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# H. R. 2303

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act to provide that meat, poultry, and egg products containing certain pathogens or contaminants are adulterated, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2015

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. RANGEL, and Ms. SPEIER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pathogen Reduction  
5 and Testing Reform Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRODUCTS CONTAINING CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR**  
2 **CONTAMINANTS ADULTERATED.**

3 (a) MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.—Section  
4 1(m) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.  
5 601(m)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by inserting “or a microbial pathogen  
8 that is associated with serious illness or death”  
9 after “which may render it injurious to health”;  
10 and

11 (B) by inserting “or such a microbial  
12 pathogen” after “added substance”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B),  
15 (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and  
16 (E), respectively;

17 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
18 the following new subparagraph:

19 “(B) if it bears or contains a strain of a micro-  
20 bial pathogen, such as *Campylobacter* or *Salmonella*,  
21 that is resistant to not fewer than two critically im-  
22 portant antibiotics for human medicine (as specified  
23 in the World Health Organization’s list of Critically  
24 Important Antimicrobials);”; and

25 (C) in subparagraph (E) (as redesignated  
26 by subparagraph (A)) by striking “clause (B),

1 (C), or (D)” and inserting “this subparagraph  
2 or subparagraph (C) or (D)”.

3 (b) POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS.—Section  
4 4(g) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.  
5 453(g)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by inserting “or a microbial pathogen  
8 that is associated with serious illness or death”  
9 after “which may render it injurious to health”;  
10 and

11 (B) by inserting “or such a microbial  
12 pathogen” after “added substance”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B),  
15 (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and  
16 (E), respectively;

17 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
18 the following new subparagraph:

19 “(B) if it bears or contains a strain of a micro-  
20 bial pathogen, such as Campylobacter or Salmonella,  
21 that is resistant to not fewer than two critically im-  
22 portant antibiotics for human medicine (as specified  
23 in the World Health Organization’s list of Critically  
24 Important Antimicrobials);”; and

1           (C) in subparagraph (E) (as redesignated  
2           by subparagraph (A)) by striking “clause (B),  
3           (C), or (D)” and inserting “this subparagraph  
4           or subparagraph (C) or (D)”.

5           (c) EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS.—Section 4(a) of the  
6 Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1033(a)) is  
7 amended—

8           (1) in paragraph (1)—

9           (A) by inserting “or a microbial pathogen  
10           that is associated with serious illness or death”  
11           after “which may render it injurious to health”;  
12           and

13           (B) by inserting “or such a microbial  
14           pathogen” after “added substance”; and

15           (2) in paragraph (2)—

16           (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B),  
17           (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and  
18           (E), respectively;

19           (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
20           the following new subparagraph:

21           “(B) if it bears or contains a strain of a micro-  
22           bial pathogen, such as Campylobacter or Salmonella,  
23           that is resistant to not fewer than two critically im-  
24           portant antibiotics for human medicine (as specified

1 in the World Health Organization’s list of Critically  
2 Important Antimicrobials);” and

3 (C) in subparagraph (E) (as redesignated  
4 by subparagraph (A)) by striking “clause (B),  
5 (C), or (D)” and inserting “this subparagraph  
6 or subparagraph (C) or (D)”.

7 **SEC. 3. TESTING FOR CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CONTAMI-**  
8 **NANTS REQUIRED.**

9 (a) MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.—The Fed-  
10 eral Meat Inspection Act is amended by inserting after  
11 section 9 (21 U.S.C. 609) the following new section:

12 **“SEC. 9A. TESTING FOR CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CON-**  
13 **TAMINANTS REQUIRED.**

14 “Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this section, the Secretary shall, for purposes of  
16 examinations or inspections conducted under this Act, es-  
17 tablish sampling protocols and testing procedures using  
18 the methods and technologies the Secretary determines  
19 are most appropriate—

20 “(1) to determine if meat and meat food prod-  
21 ucts are adulterated within the meaning of para-  
22 graph (1) or (2)(B) of section 1(m); and

23 “(2) to prevent the use in commerce of any  
24 product that is determined to be so adulterated.”.

1 (b) POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS.—The Poul-  
2 try Products Inspection Act is amended by inserting after  
3 section 8 (21 U.S.C. 457) the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 8A. TESTING FOR CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CON-**  
5 **TAMINANTS REQUIRED.**

6 “Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
7 ment of this section, the Secretary shall, for purposes of  
8 examinations or inspections conducted under this Act, es-  
9 tablish sampling protocols and testing procedures using  
10 the methods and technologies the Secretary determines  
11 are most appropriate—

12 “(1) to determine if poultry and poultry prod-  
13 ucts are adulterated within the meaning of para-  
14 graph (1) or (2)(B) of section 4(g); and

15 “(2) to prevent the entry into or flow or move-  
16 ment in commerce of, or the burdening of commerce  
17 by, any such product that is determined to be so  
18 adulterated.”.

19 (c) EGG AND EGG PRODUCTS.—The Egg Products  
20 Inspection Act is amended by inserting after section 7 (21  
21 U.S.C. 1036) the following new section:

22 **“SEC. 7A. TESTING FOR CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CON-**  
23 **TAMINANTS REQUIRED.**

24 “Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
25 ment of this section, the Secretary shall, for purposes of

1 examinations or inspections conducted under this Act, es-  
2 tablish sampling protocols and testing procedures using  
3 the methods and technologies the Secretary determines  
4 are most appropriate—

5           “(1) to determine if eggs and egg products are  
6 adulterated within the meaning of paragraph (1) or  
7 (2)(B) of section 4(a); and

8           “(2) to prevent the entry into or flow or move-  
9 ment in commerce of, or the burdening of commerce  
10 by, any such product that is determined to be so  
11 adulterated.”.

12 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13       (a) **REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 18 months after  
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
15 Agriculture shall issue regulations to carry out the amend-  
16 ments made by this Act.

17       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
18 this Act shall apply with respect to meat and meat food  
19 products, poultry and poultry products, and eggs and egg  
20 products entering into interstate or foreign commerce on  
21 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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