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H. R. 2859

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from inspection the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses conducted at a custom slaughter facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2019

Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. AMASH, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. PERRY, and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Processing Revival and
5 Intrastate Meat Exemption Act” or the “PRIME Act”.

1 “(i) household consumers within the State;
2 and

3 “(ii) restaurants, hotels, boarding houses,
4 grocery stores, or other establishments located
5 in such State that—

6 “(I) are involved in the preparation of
7 meals served directly to consumers; or

8 “(II) offer meat and meat food prod-
9 ucts for sale directly to consumers in the
10 State.

11 “(2) For purposes of subparagraph (1), the term
12 ‘State’ means each State of the United States, the District
13 of Columbia, and each territory or possession of the
14 United States.”; and

15 (3) in paragraph (c) (as redesignated by para-
16 graph (1)), in the second sentence, by striking
17 “paragraph (b)” and inserting “paragraph (c)”.

18 **SEC. 3. NO PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.**

19 The amendments made by section 2 shall not be con-
20 strued as preempting any State law that concerns the
21 slaughter of animals or the preparation of carcasses, parts
22 thereof, meat and meat food products at a custom slaugh-
23 ter facility, or the sale of meat or meat food products.

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