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H. R. 2222

To make inapplicable to surplus broiler hatching eggs certain regulations relating to shell eggs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RILEY of New York (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. WIED, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. PALMER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. MCBRIDE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Lowering Egg Prices
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN SHELL EGG RULE**
2 **PROVISIONS TO SURPLUS BROILER HATCH-**
3 **ING EGGS SOLD TO EGG BREAKERS.**

4 (a) INAPPLICABILITY OF CURRENT RULE.—Effective
5 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, section
6 118.4(e) of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
7 cessor regulations) shall not apply with respect to surplus
8 broiler hatching eggs that are intended to be sold to an
9 egg breaker for purposes of processing such eggs as liquid
10 egg products subject to regulation under the Egg Products
11 Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.).

12 (b) REVISED RULE REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary of Health and Human Services, acting through the
15 Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and in consultation
16 with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall issue a rule revis-
17 ing section 118.4 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations
18 (or successor regulations), to allow for surplus broiler
19 hatching eggs to be held at such temperature and for such
20 period of time at such temperature, so as to be compatible
21 with conditions for hatching chicks and to allow for the
22 sale of such eggs to egg breakers for the purposes de-
23 scribed in subsection (a).

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

1 (1) The terms “egg” and “egg product” have
2 the meanings given such terms in section 4 of the
3 Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1033).

4 (2) The term “egg breaker” means a facility in
5 the commercial sector that processes eggs by break-
6 ing the eggs out of their shells and selling the result-
7 ing liquid egg product in bulk to food manufactur-
8 ers.

9 (3) The term “broiler hatching egg” means an
10 egg intended for use by broiler hatcheries for the
11 production of baby chicks.

12 (4) The term “broiler hatchery” means a facil-
13 ity where fertilized eggs from broiler breeder chick-
14 ens are incubated and hatched into day-old chicks,
15 which are then raised on farms to produce meat as
16 broiler chickens.

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