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1ST SESSION

S. 3423

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 10, 2025

Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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”.

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

9 (a) INAPPLICABILITY OF CURRENT RULE.—Effective
10 on the date of the enactment of this Act, section 118.4(e)

1 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor reg-
 2 ulations) shall not apply with respect to surplus broiler
 3 hatching eggs that are intended to be sold to an egg break-
 4 er for purposes of processing such eggs as liquid egg prod-
 5 ucts subject to regulation under the Egg Products Inspec-
 6 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.).

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

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

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

23 (2) The term “egg breaker” means a facility in
 24 the commercial sector that processes eggs by break-
 25 ing the eggs out of their shells and selling the result-

1 ing liquid egg product in bulk to food manufactur-
2 ers.

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

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

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