

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

# H. R. 264

To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to require the slaughter of poultry in accordance with humane methods.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. JACOBS 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 “Humane Methods of  
5 Poultry Slaughter Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF HUMANE METHODS OF POULTRY**  
7 **SLAUGHTER.**

8 (a) Section 7 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act  
9 (21 U.S.C. 456) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
2           section (c); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the follow-  
4           ing new subsection:

5           “(b) HUMANE METHODS OF SLAUGHTER RE-  
6           QUIRED.—Effective one year after the date of the enact-  
7           ment of this subsection, poultry shall be slaughtered in  
8           an official establishment referred to in subsection (a) only  
9           in accordance with one or both of the following humane  
10          methods:

11           “(1) Poultry are rendered permanently uncon-  
12          scious by an electrical, chemical, or other method  
13          that is rapid and effective before or immediately  
14          after the poultry are shackled or otherwise prepared  
15          for slaughter.

16           “(2) Poultry are slaughtered in accordance with  
17          the ritual requirements of the Jewish faith or any  
18          other religious faith, as described in section 2(b) of  
19          Public Law 85–765 (7 U.S.C. 1902(b)).”.

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