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104TH CONGRESS

2D SESSION H. R. 3750 To permit the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat under appropriate circumstances.
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 1996 Mr. THORNBERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL To permit the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat

under appropriate circumstances.
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 ‘‘Interstate Distribution
5 of State-Inspected Meat Act of 1996’’.
6 SEC. 2. FEDERAL AND STATE COOPERATION WITH RE-
7 SPECT TO MEAT INSPECTION.
8 (a) WAIVER OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION LIMITA-
9 TION UNDER THE FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT.—
10 Section 301(a) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21

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1 U.S.C. 661(a)) is amended by adding the following para-
2 graph at the end thereof:

3 ‘‘(5) Upon application of an appropriate State
4 agency with which the Secretary may cooperate
5 under this Act, the Secretary shall reevaluate the

6 applicant State’s meat inspection program to verify
7 that its mandatory requirements are at least equal

8 to the Federal inspection, reinspection, and sanita-
9 tion requirements under title I of this Act.
10 ‘‘(A) In the event that the Secretary veri-

11 fies that the mandatory inspection requirements
12 of the applicant State are at least equal to Fed-

13 eral inspection requirements, the limitation in
14 paragraph (1) of this section which restricts
15 meat inspected by the applicant State to intra-

16 state distribution shall be waived by the Sec-
17 retary.

18 ‘‘(B) Following any waiver under subpara-
19 graph (A) of this paragraph, the Secretary is

20 authorized to perform random inspections of
21 State-inspected plants within the applicant
22 State to ensure that the mandatory State in-

23 spection requirements employed therein are at
24 least equal to the substantive Federal inspection
25 requirements under title I of this Act.

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1 ‘‘(C) The Secretary may utilize Federal
2 personnel, or may cooperate with the appro-

3 priate State agency under this Act to train and
4 utilize State personnel, to perform any random

5 inspections authorized by this paragraph.
6 ‘‘(D) In the event that a random inspec-
7 tion performed under this paragraph discloses

8 that a State-inspected plant is not employing
9 mandatory inspection requirements at least

10 equal to the substantive Federal inspection re-
11 quirements under title I of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary shall reimpose the restriction against the

13 interstate distribution of meat and meat prod-
14 ucts produced at that plant until a subsequent

15 inspection verifies that the plant has reestab-
16 lished mandatory inspection requirements at
17 least equal to the substantive Federal inspection

18 requirements under title I of this Act.’’.
19 (b) WAIVER OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION LIMITA-

20 TION UNDER THE POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION

21 ACT.—Section 5(a) of the Poultry Products Inspection
22 Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)) is amended by adding the follow-

23 ing paragraph at the end thereof:
24 ‘‘(5) Upon application of an appropriate State
25 agency with which the Secretary may cooperate

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1 under this Act, the Secretary shall reevaluate the
2 applicant State’s poultry inspection program to ver-

3 ify that its mandatory requirements are at least
4 equal to the Federal inspection, reinspection, and

5 sanitation requirements of this Act.
6 ‘‘(A) In the event that the Secretary veri-
7 fies that the mandatory inspection requirements

8 of the applicant State are at least equal to Fed-
9 eral inspection requirements, the limitation in
10 paragraph (1) of this section that restricts poul-

11 try or poultry products inspected by the appli-
12 cant State to intrastate distribution shall be

13 waived by the Secretary.
14 ‘‘(B) Following any waiver under subpara-
15 graph (A) of this paragraph, the Secretary is

16 authorized to perform random inspections of
17 State-inspected plants within the applicant

18 State to ensure that the mandatory State in-
19 spection requirements employed therein are at

20 least equal to the substantive Federal inspection
21 requirements under title I of this Act.
22 ‘‘(C) The Secretary may utilize Federal

23 personnel, or may cooperate with the appro-
24 priate State agency under this Act to train and

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1 utilize State personnel, to perform any random
2 inspections authorized by this paragraph.

3 ‘‘(D) In the event that a random inspec-
4 tion performed under this paragraph discloses
5 that a State-inspected plant is not employing

6 mandatory inspection requirements at least
7 equal to the substantive Federal inspection re-

8 quirements of this Act, the Secretary shall re-
9 impose the restriction against the interstate dis-

10 tribution of poultry and poultry products pro-
11 duced at that plant until a subsequent inspec-
12 tion verifies that the plant has reestablished

13 mandatory inspection requirements at least
14 equal to the substantive inspection Federal re-
15 quirements of this Act.’’.

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