

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 765

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Ratitae that are raised for use as human food.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1999

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. SHOWS) in-  
troduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agri-  
culture

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## A BILL

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human food.

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. EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF POULTRY TO**  
4 **INCLUDE RATITES.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF POULTRY.—Section 4(e) of the  
6 Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 453(e)) is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:  
8 “The term includes birds of the order Ratitae, such as

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1 ostriches, emus, and rheas, that are raised for distribution  
2 in commerce as human food.”.

3 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT.—Beginning  
4 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, es-  
5 tablishments in the United States that slaughter or proc-  
6 ess birds of the order Ratitae for distribution in commerce  
7 as human food shall be subject to the ante mortem and  
8 post mortem inspection, reinspection and sanitation re-  
9 quirements of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21  
10 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) rather than the voluntary poultry in-  
11 spection program of the Department of Agriculture under  
12 section 203 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7  
13 U.S.C. 1622).

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