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To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from inspection the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses conducted at a custom slaughter facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2025

Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. PERRY, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. BURCHETT, Ms. HAGEMAN, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. ROY, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. SELF, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. CLINE, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. OGLES, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. LEE of Florida, Ms. MACE, Mr. NEHLS, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. MILLS, Mr. RULLI, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. CLYDE, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. MALOY, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Ms. TOKUDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Processing Revival and
3 Intrastate Meat Exemption Act” or the “PRIME Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FOR SLAUGHTER AND PREPARATION**
5 **OCCURRING AT CUSTOM SLAUGHTER FACILI-**
6 **TIES.**

7 Section 23 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21
8 U.S.C. 623) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (b), (c), and
10 (d) as paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), respectively;

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (a) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(b)(1) The provisions of this title requiring inspec-
14 tion of the slaughter of animals and the preparation of
15 the carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food products
16 at establishments conducting such operations for com-
17 merce shall not apply to the slaughtering by any person
18 of animals at a custom slaughter facility, and the prepara-
19 tion at such custom slaughter facility and transportation
20 in commerce of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat and
21 meat food products of such animals if—

22 “(A) the slaughtering and preparation carried
23 out at such custom slaughter facility is carried out
24 in accordance with the law of the State in which the
25 custom slaughter facility is located; and

1 “(B) the animals are so slaughtered and the
2 carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food prod-
3 ucts of such animals are so prepared exclusively for
4 distribution to—

5 “(i) household consumers within the State;
6 and

7 “(ii) restaurants, hotels, boarding houses,
8 grocery stores, or other establishments located
9 in such State that—

10 “(I) are involved in the preparation of
11 meals served directly to consumers; or

12 “(II) offer meat and meat food prod-
13 ucts for sale directly to consumers in the
14 State.

15 “(2) For purposes of subparagraph (1), the term
16 ‘State’ means each State of the United States, the District
17 of Columbia, and each territory or possession of the
18 United States.”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (c) (as redesignated by para-
20 graph (1)), in the second sentence, by striking
21 “paragraph (b)” and inserting “paragraph (c)”.

22 **SEC. 3. NO PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.**

23 The amendments made by section 2 shall not be con-
24 strued as preempting any State law that concerns the
25 slaughter of animals or the preparation of carcasses, parts

- 1 thereof, meat and meat food products at a custom slaugh-
- 2 ter facility, or the sale of meat or meat food products.

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