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# H. R. 1574

To extend the inspection requirements of the Federal Meat Inspection Act  
to rabbits produced for human consumption.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILLIARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To extend the inspection requirements of the Federal Meat  
Inspection Act to rabbits produced for human consumption.

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 AND REFERENCES.**

4       (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Rabbit Inspection Act of 1999”.

6       (b) **REFERENCES.**—Whenever in this Act an amend-  
7       ment is expressed in terms of an amendment to a section  
8       or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be  
9       made to a section or other provision of the Federal Meat  
10      Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 1 (21 U.S.C. 601) is amended—

3 (1) by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,” each  
4 place it appears in subsections (c), (d), and (e); and

5 (2) in subsection (j)—

6 (A) by striking “or goats,” in the first sen-  
7 tence and inserting “goats, or rabbits,”; and

8 (B) by striking “and goats” in the second  
9 sentence and inserting “goats, and rabbits”.

10 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

11 Section 2 (21 U.S.C. 602) is amended by striking  
12 “livestock producers” in the fourth sentence and inserting  
13 “livestock and rabbit producers”.

14 **SEC. 4. PREENTRANCE EXAMINATION.**

15 Section 3 (21 U.S.C. 603) is amended—

16 (1) by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,” each  
17 place it appears in subsections (a) and (b); and

18 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “or rabbits”  
19 after “livestock” both places it appears.

20 **SEC. 5. POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION.**

21 Section 4 (21 U.S.C. 604) is amended in the first  
22 sentence by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,”.

23 **SEC. 6. CARCASSES BROUGHT TO PROCESSING PLANTS.**

24 Section 5 (21 U.S.C. 605) is amended in the first  
25 sentence by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,”.

1 **SEC. 7. SANITARY INSPECTION.**

2 Section 8 (21 U.S.C. 608) is amended in the first  
3 sentence by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,”.

4 **SEC. 8. EVENING INSPECTIONS.**

5 Section 9 (21 U.S.C. 609) is amended by inserting  
6 “rabbits,” after “goats,” both places it appears.

7 **SEC. 9. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

8 Section 10 (21 U.S.C. 610) is amended in the matter  
9 preceding the subsections by inserting “rabbits,” after  
10 “goats,”.

11 **SEC. 10. INSPECTION FOR EXPORT.**

12 Sections 12 and 15 (21 U.S.C. 612, 615) are amend-  
13 ed by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,” each place it ap-  
14 pears.

15 **SEC. 11. INSPECTORS.**

16 Sections 13, 16, and 21 (21 U.S.C. 613, 616, 621)  
17 are amended by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,” each  
18 place it appears.

19 **SEC. 12. CLEARANCE FOR EXPORT.**

20 Sections 14 and 17 (21 U.S.C. 614, 617) are amend-  
21 ed by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,” each place it ap-  
22 pears.

23 **SEC. 13. CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION.**

24 Section 18 (21 U.S.C. 618) is amended by inserting  
25 “rabbits,” after “goats,” both places it appears.

1 **SEC. 14. LABELING.**

2 Section 19 (21 U.S.C. 619) is amended by striking  
3 “or goats” in the second sentence and inserting “goats,  
4 or rabbits”.

5 **SEC. 15. IMPORTS.**

6 Section 20 (21 U.S.C. 620) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,” each  
8 place it appears in subsections (a), (f), (g), and  
9 (h)(1); and

10 (2) in subsection (a), by inserting “or rabbits”  
11 after “livestock” in the second sentence.

12 **SEC. 16. EXEMPTIONS FROM INSPECTIONS.**

13 Section 23(a) (21 U.S.C. 623(a)) is amended by  
14 striking “or goats” both places it appears and inserting  
15 “goats, or rabbits”.

16 **SEC. 17. STORAGE AND HANDLING.**

17 Section 24 (21 U.S.C. 624) is amended in the first  
18 sentence by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,”.

19 **SEC. 18. WHEN NOT INTENDED FOR USE AS HUMAN FOOD.**

20 Section 201 (21 U.S.C. 641) is amended in the first  
21 sentence by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,”.

22 **SEC. 19. RECORDKEEPING.**

23 Section 202(a) (21 U.S.C. 642(a)) is amended in  
24 paragraphs (1) and (3) by inserting “rabbits,” after  
25 “goats,”.

1 **SEC. 20. REGISTRATION.**

2 Section 203 (21 U.S.C. 643) is amended by inserting  
3 “rabbits,” after “goats,”.

4 **SEC. 21. REGULATION OF 4-D ANIMALS.**

5 Section 204 (21 U.S.C. 644) is amended by inserting  
6 “rabbits,” after “goats,”.

7 **SEC. 22. FEDERAL AND STATE COOPERATION.**

8 Section 301 (21 U.S.C. 661) is amended in sub-  
9 sections (a)(1) and (c)(1) by inserting “rabbits,” after  
10 “goats,”.

11 **SEC. 23. ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTIONS.**

12 Section 402 (21 U.S.C. 672) is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “rabbits,” after “goats,”; and

14 (2) by inserting “rabbit,” after “goat,”.

15 **SEC. 24. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG, AND COS-**  
16 **METIC ACT.**

17 Section 409(b) (21 U.S.C. 679(b)) is amended by in-  
18 serting “rabbits,” after “goats,”.

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