

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 765

To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to cover birds of the order
Ratitae that are raised for use as human food.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1999

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. SHOWS) 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,*

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

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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