

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1133

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Ratitae that are raised for use as human food.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 1999

Mr. GRAMS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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: “The term
8 ‘poultry’ includes birds of the order Ratitae, such as os-
9 triches, emus, and rheas, that are raised for distribution
10 in commerce as human food.”.

1 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT.—Beginning
2 on the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, an establishment in the United States that
4 slaughters or processes birds of the order Ratitae for dis-
5 tribution in commerce as human food shall be subject to
6 the ante mortem and post mortem inspection, reinspec-
7 tion, and sanitation requirements of the Poultry Products
8 Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) rather than the
9 voluntary poultry inspection program of the Department
10 of Agriculture established under section 203 of the Agri-
11 cultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622).

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