

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2270

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2003

Mr. THORNBERRY 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Farm Commodity Fair
5 Labeling Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL COVERED COMMODITIES FOR COUN-**
2 **TRY OF ORIGIN LABELING.**

3 (a) INCLUSION OF POULTRY AND GOATS.—Section
4 281 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.
5 1638) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)(A)—

7 (A) by redesignating clauses (iii), (iv), (v),
8 and (vi) as clauses (v), (vi), (vii), and (viii), re-
9 spectively; and

10 (B) by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-
11 lowing new clauses:

12 “(iii) poultry products;

13 “(iv) muscle cuts and ground meat
14 produced from goats.”;

15 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as
16 paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively; and

17 (3) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
18 lowing new paragraph:

19 “(8) POULTRY PRODUCT.—The term ‘poultry
20 product’ means the carcass of a chicken or turkey,
21 or any part thereof, or a product that is made whol-
22 ly or in part from the carcass of a chicken or turkey,
23 or any part thereof.”.

24 (b) DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES AS COUNTRY
25 OF ORIGIN.—Section 282(a)(2)(B) of the Agricultural
26 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638a(a)(2)(B)) is

1 amended by striking “and pork” and inserting “, pork,
2 goats, and poultry products”.

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Subtitle D of the Agricultural
4 Marketing Act of 1946, as amended by subsection (a),
5 shall apply to the retail sale of covered commodities pro-
6 duced from goats, chickens, or turkeys beginning on the
7 later of the following:

8 (1) September 30, 2004.

9 (2) 60 days after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act.

11 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING**
12 **REQUIREMENTS TO COVERED COMMODITIES**
13 **DERIVED FROM ANIMALS.**

14 Section 285 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of
15 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638d) is amended by adding at the end
16 the following new sentence: “However, section 282(a)(1)
17 does not apply to the retailer of a covered commodity that
18 is derived in whole or in part from an animal born before
19 October 1, 2004, or likely born before that date, but whose
20 birthdate is not readily verifiable.”.

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