

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4121

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to help ensure a healthy food supply, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2004

Mr. REHBERG (for himself and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Consumer and Pro-  
5       ducer Protection Act of 2004”.

6       **SEC. 2. PREVENTION OF SLAUGHTER FOR HUMAN CON-**  
7       **SUMPTION OF CERTAIN CATTLE.**

8       (a) NON-AMBULATORY DEFINED.—Section 1 of the  
9       Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601) is amended  
10      by adding at the end the following new subsection:

1       “(w) The term ‘non-ambulatory’ shall apply to any  
2 cattle that, at the time of examination and inspection  
3 under section 3(a), is unable to rise from a recumbent po-  
4 sition or unable to walk for any reason, including meta-  
5 bolic conditions or central nervous system disorders, un-  
6 less the reason for such inability is fatigue, stress,  
7 obdurator nerve paralysis, obesity, or one or more broken  
8 or fractured appendages, severed tendons or ligaments, or  
9 dislocated joints.”.

10       (b) PROHIBITION ON ALLOWING CERTAIN CATTLE  
11 TO PASS INSPECTION.—Section 3(a) of the Federal Meat  
12 Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603(a)) is amended by adding  
13 at the end the following new sentence: “All cattle found  
14 on such inspection to be non-ambulatory, to test positive  
15 for central nervous system disorders, to exhibit signs of  
16 bovine spongiform encephalopathy (including moribund  
17 condition, tetanus, or emaciation), or to be dead prior to  
18 examination and inspection shall be found to be adulter-  
19 ated for purposes of section 4.”.

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