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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 20, 2004

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “National Farm Animal  
5       Identification and Records Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONWIDE LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM;**  
2 **REVIEW OF USDA RESPONSES TO OUT-**  
3 **BREAKS OF DISEASE IN LIVESTOCK.**

4 Section 10411 of the Animal Health Protection Act  
5 (7 U.S.C. 8310) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(f) NATIONWIDE LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION SYS-  
8 TEM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
10 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the  
11 Secretary shall establish an electronic nationwide  
12 livestock identification system for the identification  
13 of individual animals to enhance the speed and accu-  
14 racy of the response of the Department of Agri-  
15 culture to outbreaks of disease in livestock.

16 “(2) CAPABILITIES.—The livestock identifica-  
17 tion system shall be capable of tracing, within 48  
18 hours, an individual animal from birth to slaughter.

19 “(3) PARTICIPATION BY STATES.—The States  
20 shall provide information for inclusion in, and shall  
21 have access to, the livestock identification system.

22 “(4) USE OF EXISTING TECHNOLOGY.—The  
23 Secretary may use technology developed by private  
24 entities before the date of enactment of this sub-  
25 section to operate the livestock identification system.

1           “(5) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary  
2           may provide financial assistance to producers to as-  
3           sist the producers in complying with the livestock  
4           identification system.

5           “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
6           There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
7           this subsection for fiscal year 2004 \$50,000,000, of  
8           which \$25,000,000 shall be available to carry out  
9           paragraph (5).

10          “(g) REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO OUTBREAKS OF  
11 DISEASE.—The Secretary may appoint an international  
12 panel of scientific experts to provide an objective review  
13 of a response by the Department of Agriculture to an out-  
14 break of disease in livestock and identify areas for im-  
15 provements in such responses.”.

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