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H. R. 4543

To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require an active tuberculosis screening for any individual seeking employment with meat processing facilities or poultry processing facilities, and to prohibit the hiring of any individual who is determined to have active tuberculosis.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. ADERHOLT 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING REQUIRE-**
2 **MENT FOR POULTRY PROCESSING FACILI-**
3 **TIES.**

4 (a) TUBERCULOSIS TESTING.—The Poultry Products
5 Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 31. EMPLOYEE TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING.**

8 “(a) No individual may be hired by any person that
9 engages, for commerce, in the business of slaughtering any
10 poultry or processing, freezing, packaging, or labeling any
11 carcasses, or parts or products of carcasses, of any poul-
12 try, for use as human food or animal food, unless a li-
13 censed medical professional determines that such indi-
14 vidual does not have active tuberculosis by administering
15 to such individual a tuberculin skin test as part of the
16 individual’s application for employment, and if such indi-
17 vidual has a positive tuberculin reaction, by administering
18 a chest X-ray examination.

19 “(b) An individual determined to have active tuber-
20 culosis under subsection (a) is not barred from seeking
21 future employment with such person if such individual re-
22 ceives treatment for active tuberculosis and such indi-
23 vidual is subsequently determined not to have active tuber-
24 culosis under subsection (a).”.

1 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 12(a) of such Act (21
2 U.S.C. 461(a)) is amended by striking “or 17” and insert-
3 ing “17, or 31”.

4 **SEC. 2. ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING REQUIREMENT**
5 **FOR MEAT PROCESSING FACILITIES.**

6 The Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et
7 seq.) is amended by adding at the end of title II the fol-
8 lowing new section:

9 **“SEC. 206. EMPLOYEE TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING.**

10 “(a) No individual may be hired by any person, firm,
11 or corporation that engages, for commerce, in the business
12 of slaughtering any amenable species, or preparing, freez-
13 ing, packaging, or labeling any carcasses, or parts or prod-
14 ucts of carcasses, of any such amenable species, for use
15 as human food or animal food, unless a licensed medical
16 professional determines that such individual does not have
17 active tuberculosis by administering to such individual a
18 tuberculin skin test as part of the individual’s application
19 for employment, and if such individual has a positive tu-
20 berculin reaction, by administering a chest X-ray examina-
21 tion.

22 “(b) An individual determined to have active tuber-
23 culosis under subsection (a) is not barred from seeking
24 future employment with such person, firm, or corporation
25 if such individual receives treatment for active tuberculosis

1 and such individual is subsequently determined not to
2 have active tuberculosis under subsection (a).”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
5 after the date which is 180 days after the date of the en-
6 actment of this Act.

