

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4750

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Poultry Products Inspection Act to improve food safety by supporting efforts by entities that purchase beef, pork, or poultry products to further examine the products to ensure they remain safe for human consumption and to prohibit interference with such examination efforts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2010

Mr. SCHAUER (for himself, Mr. MCMAHON, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, and Ms. SUTTON) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Meat Contamination
3 Prevention Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURCHASER EXAMINATION OF PREVIOUSLY IN-**
5 **SPECTED BEEF, PORK, AND POULTRY PROD-**
6 **UCTS.**

7 (a) FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT.—Section 6 of
8 the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 606) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(e) PURCHASER EXAMINATION.—

12 “(1) EXAMINATION AUTHORIZED.—Nothing in
13 this section or section 4 precludes an entity that
14 purchases carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat or
15 meat food products authorized to be inspected at
16 any establishment under the authority of this title
17 and found to be not adulterated from performing, or
18 causing to be performed at the expense of the entity,
19 a further examination of the products to ensure that
20 the products remain unadulterated.

21 “(2) PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERFERENCE
22 WITH PURCHASER EXAMINATION.—A person, firm,
23 or corporation otherwise subject to this title may not
24 prohibit (via contract or any other means) an entity
25 described in paragraph (1) from performing, or
26 causing to be performed, a further examination of

1 carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat or meat food
2 products authorized by such paragraph.

3 “(3) PENALTIES.—Any person, firm, or cor-
4 poration who violates paragraph (2) shall, upon con-
5 viction, be subject to imprisonment for not more
6 than three years, or a fine of not more than
7 \$10,000, or both such imprisonment and fine.”.

8 (b) POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION ACT.—Section
9 6 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 455)
10 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(d) PURCHASER EXAMINATION.—

13 “(1) EXAMINATION AUTHORIZED.—Nothing in
14 this section precludes an entity that purchases poul-
15 try carcasses and parts thereof or other poultry
16 products inspected at any establishment under the
17 authority of this Act and found to be not adulter-
18 ated from performing, or causing to be performed at
19 the expense of the entity, a further examination of
20 the products to ensure that the products remain un-
21 adulterated.

22 “(2) PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERFERENCE
23 WITH PURCHASER EXAMINATION.—A person, firm,
24 or corporation otherwise subject to this Act may not
25 prohibit (via contract or any other means) an entity

1 described in paragraph (1) from performing, or
2 causing to be performed, a further examination of
3 poultry carcasses and parts thereof or other poultry
4 products authorized by such paragraph.

5 “(3) PENALTIES.—Any person, firm, or cor-
6 poration who violates paragraph (2) shall be fined
7 not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than
8 three years, or both.”.

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