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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Sewage Sludge in Food  
5       Production Consumer Notification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION TO CONSUMERS OF FOOD PROD-**  
2 **UCTS PRODUCED ON LAND ON WHICH SEW-**  
3 **AGE SLUDGE HAS BEEN APPLIED.**

4 (a) ADULTERATED FOOD UNDER FEDERAL FOOD,  
5 DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT.—Section 402 of the Federal  
6 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 342) is amend-  
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(j)(1) Effective one year after the date of the enact-  
9 ment of the Sewage Sludge in Food Production Consumer  
10 Notification Act, if it is a food (intended for human con-  
11 sumption and offered for sale) that was produced, or con-  
12 tains any ingredient that was produced, on land on which  
13 sewage sludge was applied, unless—

14 “(A) the application of sewage sludge to  
15 the land terminated more than one year before  
16 the date on which the production of the food or  
17 ingredient on the land commenced;

18 “(B) the food bears a label that clearly in-  
19 dicates that the food, or an ingredient of the  
20 food, was produced on land on which sewage  
21 sludge was applied; or

22 “(C) in the case of a raw agricultural com-  
23 modity or other food generally offered for sale  
24 without labeling, a sign is posted within close  
25 proximity of the food to notify consumers that  
26 the food, or an ingredient of the food, was pro-

1           duced on land on which sewage sludge was ap-  
2           plied.

3           “(2) In this paragraph, the term ‘sewage sludge’ has  
4 the meaning given to such term in section 503.9(w) of title  
5 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regula-  
6 tions).”.

7           (b) ADULTERATED FOOD UNDER EGG PRODUCTS  
8 INSPECTION ACT.—Section 4 of the Egg Products Inspec-  
9 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 1033) is amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (a)—

11                   (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-  
12 graph (7);

13                   (B) by striking the period at the end of  
14 paragraph (8) and inserting “; or”; and

15                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

16           “(9) effective one year after the date of the en-  
17 actment of the Sewage Sludge in Food Production  
18 Consumer Notification Act, if it is derived from  
19 poultry that were raised, or that consumed animal  
20 feed produced, on land on which sewage sludge was  
21 applied, unless—

22                   “(A) the application of sewage sludge to  
23 the land terminated more than one year before  
24 the date on which the poultry began to be  
25 raised on the land or the date on which the pro-

1           duction of the animal feed on the land com-  
2           menced; or

3                   “(B) the container bears a label that clear-  
4           ly indicates that the egg or egg product was de-  
5           rived from poultry that—

6                           “(i) were raised on land on which sew-  
7                           age sludge was applied; or

8                           “(ii) consumed animal feed produced  
9                           on land on which sewage sludge was ap-  
10                          plied.”; and

11                   (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12           section:

13                   “(aa) The term ‘sewage sludge’ has the meaning  
14           given to such term in section 402(j)(2) of the Federal  
15           Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 342(j)(2)).”.

16           (c) ADULTERATED FOOD UNDER FEDERAL MEAT  
17           INSPECTION ACT.—Section 1 of the Federal Meat Inspec-  
18           tion Act (21 U.S.C. 601) is amended—

19                   (1) in paragraph (m)—

20                           (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-  
21                           graph (8);

22                           (B) by striking the period at the end of  
23                           paragraph (9) and inserting “; or”; and

24                           (C) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(10) effective one year after the date of the  
2           enactment of the Sewage Sludge in Food Production  
3           Consumer Notification Act, if it is derived from live-  
4           stock that grazed, or consumed animal feed pro-  
5           duced, on land on which sewage sludge was applied,  
6           unless—

7                   “(A) the application of sewage sludge to  
8                   the land terminated more than one year before  
9                   the date on which the livestock began grazing  
10                  on the land or the date on which the production  
11                  of the animal feed on the land commenced;

12                  “(B) the carcass, part thereof, meat or  
13                  meat food product bears a label that clearly in-  
14                  dicates that the livestock—

15                       “(i) grazed on land on which sewage  
16                       sludge was applied; or

17                       “(ii) consumed animal feed produced  
18                       on land on which sewage sludge was ap-  
19                       plied; or

20                  “(C) in the case of a carcass, part thereof,  
21                  meat or meat food product generally offered for  
22                  sale without labeling, a sign is posted within  
23                  close proximity of the item to notify consumers  
24                  that the livestock—

1 “(i) grazed on land on which sewage  
2 sludge was applied; or

3 “(ii) consumed animal feed produced  
4 on land on which sewage sludge was ap-  
5 plied.”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
7 paragraph:

8 “(x) The term ‘sewage sludge’ has the meaning given  
9 to such term in section 402(j)(2) of the Federal Food,  
10 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 342(j)(2)).”.

11 (d) ADULTERATED FOOD UNDER POULTRY PROD-  
12 UCTS INSPECTION ACT.—Section 4 of the Poultry Prod-  
13 ucts Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 453) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (g)—

15 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-  
16 graph (7);

17 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
18 paragraph (8) and inserting “; or”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
20 paragraph:

21 “(9) effective one year after the date of the en-  
22 actment of the Sewage Sludge in Food Production  
23 Consumer Notification Act, if it is derived from  
24 poultry that were raised, or that consumed animal

1 feed produced, on land on which sewage sludge was  
2 applied, unless—

3 “(A) the application of sewage sludge to  
4 the land terminated more than one year before  
5 the date on which the poultry began to be  
6 raised on the land or the date on which the pro-  
7 duction of the animal feed on the land com-  
8 menced;

9 “(B) the poultry product bears a label that  
10 clearly indicates that the poultry contained in  
11 the product—

12 “(i) were raised on land on which sew-  
13 age sludge was applied; or

14 “(ii) consumed animal feed produced  
15 on land on which sewage sludge was ap-  
16 plied; or

17 “(C) in the case of a poultry product gen-  
18 erally offered for sale without labeling, a sign is  
19 posted within close proximity of the item to no-  
20 tify consumers that the poultry contained in the  
21 product—

22 “(i) were raised on land on which sew-  
23 age sludge was applied; or

1 “(ii) consumed animal feed produced  
2 on land on which sewage sludge was ap-  
3 plied.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
5 paragraph:

6 “(cc) The term ‘sewage sludge’ has the meaning  
7 given to such term in section 402(j)(2) of the Federal  
8 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 342(j)(2)).”.

9 (e) RELATION TO NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section or  
11 the amendments made by this section shall be con-  
12 strued to modify the prohibition contained in part  
13 205 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, on the  
14 use of sewage sludge, including ash, grit, or  
15 screenings from the production of sewage sludge, in  
16 organic food production under the National Organic  
17 Program of the Department of Agriculture.

18 (2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
19 “sewage sludge” has the meaning given to such term  
20 in section 503.9(w) of title 40, Code of Federal Reg-  
21 ulations (or any successor regulations), except that  
22 such term includes ash generated during the firing  
23 of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator or

- 1       grit and screenings generated during preliminary
- 2       treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works.

