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# H. R. 7425

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow for the interstate internet sales of certain State-inspected meat, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) 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 “Direct Interstate Re-  
5 tail Exemption for Certain Transactions Act” or the “DI-  
6 RECT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERSTATE INTERNET SALES OF CERTAIN STATE-**  
2 **INSPECTED MEAT ALLOWED.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(c)(2) of the Federal  
4 Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 661(c)(2)) is amended,  
5 by inserting after the first sentence, the following: “For  
6 the purposes of this subparagraph, any retail store, res-  
7 taurant, or similar retail-type establishment may sell over  
8 the internet and ship by carrier in commerce (other than  
9 for export to a foreign country) any State-inspected meat  
10 or meat food product, provided the meat or meat food  
11 product so inspected is shipped directly to household con-  
12 sumers and in normal retail quantities.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 301 of the  
14 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 661) is amend-  
15 ed—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting before the  
17 period at the end the following: “or for distribution  
18 pursuant to the second sentence of paragraph  
19 (c)(2)”;

20 (2) in subsection (c)(2), in the first sentence, by  
21 inserting “or by” after “conducted at”.

22 **SEC. 3. INTERSTATE INTERNET SALES OF CERTAIN STATE-**  
23 **INSPECTED POULTRY ALLOWED.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(c)(2) of the Poultry  
25 Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454(c)(2)) is amend-  
26 ed, by inserting after the first sentence, the following:

1 “For the purposes of this subparagraph, any retail store,  
2 restaurant, or similar retail-type establishment may sell  
3 over the internet and ship by carrier in commerce (other  
4 than for export to a foreign country) any State-inspected  
5 poultry product, provided the poultry product so inspected  
6 is shipped directly to household consumers and in normal  
7 retail quantities.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 5 of the  
9 Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454) is  
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting before the  
12 period at the end the following: “or for distribution  
13 pursuant to the second sentence of paragraph  
14 (c)(2)”; and

15 (2) in subsection (c)(2), in the first sentence, by  
16 inserting “or by” after “conducted at”.

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