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To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from inspection the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses conducted at a custom slaughter facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2019

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

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 “Processing Revival and
5 Intrastate Meat Exemption Act” or the “PRIME Act”.

(1) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), and (d) as subsections (c), (d), and (e), respectively;

10 “(b) EXEMPTION FOR SLAUGHTER AND PREPARA-
11 TION OCCURRING AT CUSTOM SLAUGHTER FACILITIES.—

“(2) EXEMPTION.—The provisions of this title requiring inspection of the slaughter of animals and the preparation of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and meat food products at establishments conducting those operations for commerce shall not apply to the slaughtering by any person of animals at a custom slaughter facility and the preparation at that custom slaughter facility and transportation in commerce of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and meat food products of those animals if—

25 “(A) the slaughtering and preparation car-
26 ried out at the custom slaughter facility is car-

1 ried out in accordance with the law of the State
 2 in which the custom slaughter facility is lo-
 3 cated; and

4 “(B) the animals are slaughtered and the
 5 carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and meat food
 6 products of the animals are prepared exclusively
 7 for distribution to—

8 “(i) household consumers within the
 9 State in which the custom slaughter facil-
 10 ity is located; or

11 “(ii) restaurants, hotels, boarding
 12 houses, grocery stores, or other establish-
 13 ments located in the State in which the
 14 custom slaughter facility is located that—

15 “(I) are involved in the prepara-
 16 tion of meals served directly to con-
 17 sumers; or

18 “(II) offer meat and meat food
 19 products for sale directly to con-
 20 sumers in the State.”; and

21 (3) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), in the
 22 second sentence, by striking “paragraph (b)” and in-
 23 serting “subsection”.

1 **SEC. 3. NO PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.**

2 Nothing in an amendment made by section 2 pre-
3 empts any State law relating to—

4 (1) the slaughter of animals or the preparation
5 of carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and meat food
6 products at a custom slaughter facility; or

7 (2) the sale of meat or meat food products.

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