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S. 4709

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Ms. ERNST) 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 “Expanding Local Meat
5 Processing Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWED INTEREST OF CERTAIN PACKERS IN MAR-**
7 **KET AGENCIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture

1 shall revise section 201.67 of title 9, Code of Federal Reg-
2 ulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act),
3 to exempt the packers described in subsection (b) from
4 the prohibition described in that section.

5 (b) PACKERS DESCRIBED.—A packer referred to in
6 subsection (a) is a packer that—

7 (1) with respect to cattle or sheep, has a cumu-
8 lative slaughter capacity of less than—

9 (A) 2,000 animals per day; or

10 (B) 700,000 animals per year; and

11 (2) with respect to hogs, has a cumulative
12 slaughter capacity of less than—

13 (A) 10,000 animals per day; or

14 (B) 3,000,000 animals per year.

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