

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KOHL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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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. INTERSTATE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE IN-**
2 **SPECTED MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS.**

3 (a) MEAT PRODUCTS.—Section 301(a)(1) of the Fed-
4 eral Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 661(a)(1)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by striking “(1) The Secretary” and insert-
7 ing “(1)(A) The Secretary”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (A) (as designated by
9 paragraph (1)), by striking “solely for distribution
10 within such State”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(B) The Secretary shall reimburse a State
13 agency administering inspections pursuant to sub-
14 paragraph (A) for not less than 50 percent and not
15 more than 60 percent of the costs of administering
16 the inspections.”.

17 (b) POULTRY PRODUCTS.—Section 5(a)(1) of the
18 Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(1)) is
19 amended—

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