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To permit the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat under appropriate circumstances.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To permit the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat under appropriate circumstances.

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 “Safe Interstate Meat  
5 Shipment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL AND STATE COOPERATION WITH RE-**  
7 **SPECT TO MEAT INSPECTION.**

8 (a) WAIVER OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION LIMITA-  
9 TION UNDER THE FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT.—  
10 Section 301(a) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21

1 U.S.C. 661(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing new paragraph:

3           “(5)(A) Upon application of an appropriate  
4 State agency with which the Secretary may cooper-  
5 ate under this Act, the Secretary shall verify that  
6 the mandatory requirements of the State’s meat in-  
7 spection program are at least equal to the Federal  
8 inspection, reinspection, and sanitation requirements  
9 under title I of this Act.

10           “(B) If the Secretary verifies that the  
11 mandatory inspection requirements of the State  
12 from which a State agency submits an applica-  
13 tion under subparagraph (A) are at least equal  
14 to Federal inspection requirements—

15           “(i) the requirement under paragraph  
16 (1) that meat and meat food products in-  
17 spected under such State’s meat inspection  
18 program be solely for distribution in such  
19 State shall not apply; and

20           “(ii) the Secretary may perform ran-  
21 dom inspections of State-inspected slaugh-  
22 tering, meat-canning, salting, packing, ren-  
23 dering, or similar establishments in such  
24 State to ensure that the State meat inspec-  
25 tion program conducted in such State at

1           least meets the Federal inspection require-  
2           ments under title I.

3           “(C) If after an inspection performed  
4           under subparagraph (B) the Secretary deter-  
5           mines that a State-inspected slaughtering,  
6           meat-canning, salting, packing, rendering, or  
7           similar establishment is not subject to manda-  
8           tory inspection requirements at least equal to  
9           the substantive Federal inspection requirements  
10          under title I of this Act, the requirement under  
11          paragraph (1) that meat and meat food prod-  
12          ucts inspected under a State meat inspection  
13          program be solely for distribution in such State  
14          shall apply to such slaughtering, meat-canning,  
15          salting, packing, rendering, or similar establish-  
16          ment until a subsequent inspection verifies that  
17          the establishment is subject to mandatory in-  
18          spection requirements at least equal to the Fed-  
19          eral inspection requirements under title I.”.

20          (b) WAIVER OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION LIMITA-  
21          TION UNDER THE POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION  
22          ACT.—Section 5(a) of the Poultry Products Inspection  
23          Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)) is amended by adding the fol-  
24          lowing paragraph at the end thereof:

1           “(5)(A) Upon application of an appropriate  
2 State agency with which the Secretary may cooper-  
3 ate under this Act, the Secretary shall verify that  
4 the mandatory requirements of the State’s poultry  
5 product inspection program are at least equal to the  
6 Federal inspection, reinspection, and sanitation re-  
7 quirements under this Act.

8           “(B) If the Secretary verifies that the  
9 mandatory inspection requirements of the State  
10 from which a State agency submits an applica-  
11 tion under subparagraph (A) are at least equal  
12 to Federal inspection requirements—

13           “(i) the requirement under paragraph  
14 (1) that poultry products inspected under  
15 such State’s poultry product inspection  
16 program be solely for distribution in such  
17 State shall not apply; and

18           “(ii) the Secretary may perform ran-  
19 dom inspections of State-inspected official  
20 establishments in such State to ensure that  
21 the State poultry product inspection pro-  
22 gram conducted in such State at least  
23 meets the Federal inspection requirements  
24 under this Act.

1           “(C) If after an inspection performed  
2           under subparagraph (B) the Secretary deter-  
3           mines that a State-inspected official establish-  
4           ment is not subject to mandatory inspection re-  
5           quirements at least equal to the substantive  
6           Federal inspection requirements under this Act,  
7           the requirement under paragraph (1) that poul-  
8           try and poultry products inspected under a  
9           State poultry product inspection program be  
10          solely for distribution in such State shall apply  
11          to such official establishment until a subsequent  
12          inspection verifies that the official establish-  
13          ment is subject to mandatory inspection re-  
14          quirements at least equal to the Federal inspec-  
15          tion requirements under this Act.”.

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