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H. R. 530

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to amend certain regulations to clarify that livestock auction owners may have an interest in small meatpacking businesses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2023

Mr. ALFORD (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. VAN ORDEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Amplifying Processing
5 of Livestock in the United States Act” or the “A-PLUS
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFYING LIVESTOCK AUCTION OWNERS AL-**
2 **LOWED INTEREST IN SMALL MEATPACKING**
3 **BUSINESSES.**

4 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall revise
6 section 201.67 of title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, as
7 in effect on January 1, 2023, to specify that market agen-
8 cies may have an ownership interest in, finance, or partici-
9 pate in the management or operation of a packer, so long
10 as such packer—

11 (1) with respect to cattle and sheep, has a cu-
12 mulative slaughter capacity of less than—

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

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

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

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

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

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