

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 9251

To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow poultry processing facilities to perform regular slaughter and custom exempt at the same facility.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2024

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

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## 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 “Increasing Small-Scale  
5 Poultry Processing Opportunities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWANCE OF CUSTOM-EXEMPT AND REGULAR**  
7 **SLAUGHTER FOR POULTRY PROCESSORS.**

8 Section 15(c)(1)(B) of the Poultry Products Inspec-  
9 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 464(c)(1)(B)) is amended to read as  
10 follows:

1           “(B) the custom slaughter by any person, firm  
2           or corporation of poultry delivered by the owner  
3           thereof for such slaughter, and the processing by  
4           such slaughterer and transportation in commerce of  
5           the poultry products exclusively for use, in the  
6           household of such owner, by them and members of  
7           their household and their nonpaying guests and em-  
8           ployees: *Provided*, That in cases where such person,  
9           firm, or corporation engages in such custom oper-  
10          ations at an official establishment, the Secretary  
11          may exempt from such inspection at such official es-  
12          tablishment any poultry slaughtered or any poultry  
13          or poultry products otherwise prepared on such cus-  
14          tom basis: *Provided further*, That custom operations  
15          at any official establishment shall be exempt from  
16          inspection requirements as provided by this clause  
17          only if the official establishment complies with regu-  
18          lations which the Secretary may promulgate to as-  
19          sure that any carcasses, parts thereof, poultry or  
20          poultry products wherever handled on a custom  
21          basis, or any containers or packages containing such  
22          articles, are separated at all times from carcasses,  
23          parts thereof, poultry or poultry products prepared  
24          for sale, and that all such articles prepared on a cus-  
25          tom basis, or any containers or packages containing

1 such articles, are plainly marked ‘Not for Sale’ im-  
2 mediately after being prepared and kept so identified  
3 until delivered to the owner and that the official es-  
4 tablishment conducting the custom operation is  
5 maintained and operated in a sanitary manner;”.

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