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# H. R. 5727

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEGETTE 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 “Meat and Poultry  
5       Products Traceability and Safety Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY.**

2 (a) LIVESTOCK.—Title I of the Federal Meat Inspec-  
3 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding  
4 at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 25. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND MEAT**  
6 **PRODUCTS.**

7 “(a) DEFINITION OF TRACEABILITY.—In this sec-  
8 tion, the term ‘traceability’ means the ability to retrieve  
9 the history, use, and location of an article through a rec-  
10 ordkeeping and audit system or registered identification.

11 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Cattle, sheep, swine, goats,  
13 and horses, mules, and other equines presented for  
14 slaughter for human food purposes, and the car-  
15 casses or parts of carcasses and the meat and meat  
16 food products of those animals, shipped in interstate  
17 commerce shall be identified in a manner that en-  
18 ables the Secretary to trace—

19 “(A) each animal to any premises or other  
20 location at which the animal was held at any  
21 time before slaughter; and

22 “(B) each carcass or part of a carcass and  
23 meat and meat food product of such animals  
24 forward from slaughter through processing and  
25 distribution to the ultimate consumer.

1           “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary  
2           shall establish a traceability system for all stages of  
3           production, processing, and distribution of meat and  
4           meat food products that are produced through the  
5           slaughter of animals described in paragraph (1).

6           “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—  
7           The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any  
8           slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any  
9           cattle, sheep, swine, goats, or horses, mules, or other  
10          equines not identified as prescribed by the Secretary under  
11          subsection (b).

12          “(d) RECORDS.—

13                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require  
14                 that each person, firm, and corporation required to  
15                 identify livestock pursuant to subsection (b) main-  
16                 tain accurate records, as prescribed by the Sec-  
17                 retary, regarding the purchase, sale, and identifica-  
18                 tion of the livestock.

19                 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-  
20                 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-  
21                 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-  
22                 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-  
23                 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or  
24                 corporation to examine and copy the records de-  
25                 scribed in paragraph (1).

1           “(3) DURATION.—Each person, firm, and cor-  
2           poration described in paragraph (1) shall maintain  
3           records required to be maintained under this sub-  
4           section for such period of time as the Secretary pre-  
5           scribes.

6           “(e) FALSE INFORMATION.—No person, firm, or cor-  
7           poration shall falsify or misrepresent to any other person,  
8           firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information  
9           as to any premises at which any cattle, sheep, swine,  
10          goats, horses, mules, or other equines, or carcasses there-  
11          of, were held.

12          “(f) ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.—  
13          No person, firm, or corporation shall, without authoriza-  
14          tion from the Secretary, alter, detach, or destroy any  
15          records or other means of identification prescribed by the  
16          Secretary for use in determining the premises at which  
17          were held any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules,  
18          or other equines, or the carcasses thereof.

19          “(g) RELATION TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABEL-  
20          ING.—Nothing contained in this section prevents or inter-  
21          feres with implementation of the country of origin labeling  
22          requirements of subtitle D of the Agricultural Marketing  
23          Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638 et seq.).”

1 (b) POULTRY.—The Poultry Products Inspection Act  
2 is amended by inserting after section 23 (21 U.S.C. 467e)  
3 the following:

4 **“SEC. 23A. TRACEABILITY OF POULTRY AND POULTRY**  
5 **PRODUCTS.**

6 “(a) DEFINITION OF TRACEABILITY.—In this sec-  
7 tion, the term ‘traceability’ means the ability to retrieve  
8 the history, use, and location of an article through a rec-  
9 ordkeeping and audit system or registered identification.

10 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Poultry presented for  
12 slaughter for human food purposes and poultry  
13 products shipped in interstate commerce shall be  
14 identified in a manner that enables the Secretary to  
15 trace—

16 “(A) each animal to any premises or other  
17 location at which the animal was held at any  
18 time before slaughter; and

19 “(B) each poultry product forward from  
20 slaughter through processing and distribution  
21 to the ultimate consumer.

22 “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary  
23 shall establish a traceability system for all stages of  
24 production, processing, and distribution of poultry

1 and poultry food products that are produced through  
2 the slaughter of animals described in paragraph (1).

3 “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—

4 The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any  
5 slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any  
6 poultry not identified as prescribed by the Secretary.

7 “(d) RECORDS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require  
9 that each person, firm, and corporation required to  
10 identify poultry pursuant to subsection (b) maintain  
11 accurate records, as prescribed by the Secretary, re-  
12 garding the purchase, sale, and identification of the  
13 poultry.

14 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-  
15 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-  
16 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-  
17 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-  
18 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or  
19 corporation to examine and copy the records de-  
20 scribed in paragraph (1).

21 “(3) DURATION.—Each person, firm, and cor-  
22 poration described in paragraph (1) shall maintain  
23 records required to be maintained under this sub-  
24 section for such period of time as the Secretary pre-  
25 scribes.

1       “(e) FALSE INFORMATION.—No person, firm, or cor-  
2       poration shall falsify or misrepresent to any other person,  
3       firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information  
4       as to any premises at which any poultry, or carcasses  
5       thereof, were held.

6       “(f) ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.—  
7       No person, firm, or corporation shall, without authoriza-  
8       tion from the Secretary, alter, detach, or destroy any  
9       records or other means of identification prescribed by the  
10      Secretary for use in determining the premises at which  
11      were held any poultry or the carcasses thereof.

12      “(g) RELATION TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABEL-  
13      ING.—Nothing contained in this section prevents or inter-  
14      feres with implementation of the country of origin labeling  
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