

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 649

To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to require the slaughter of poultry in accordance with humane methods.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 1993

Mr. JACOBS (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. MINETA) 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 “Humane Methods of  
5        Poultry Slaughter Act of 1993”.

6        **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF HUMANE METHODS OF POULTRY**  
7        **SLAUGHTER.**

8        Section 7 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21  
9        U.S.C. 456) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
2 section (c); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the follow-  
4 ing new subsection:

5 “(b) HUMANE METHODS OF SLAUGHTER.—Poultry  
6 shall be slaughtered in an official establishment referred  
7 to in subsection (a) only in accordance with 1 of the fol-  
8 lowing humane methods:

9 “(1) Poultry is rendered insensible to pain by  
10 electrical, chemical, or other means that is rapid and  
11 effective before or immediately after being shackled  
12 or otherwise prepared for slaughter.

13 “(2) Poultry is slaughtered in accordance with  
14 the ritual requirements of the Jewish faith or any  
15 other religious faith, as described in section 2(b) of  
16 the Act of August 27, 1958 (72 Stat. 862; 7 U.S.C.  
17 1902(b)).”.

18 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
20 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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