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# H. R. 547

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow for the interstate internet sales of certain State-inspected meat and poultry, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) 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 “Direct Interstate Re-  
5       tail Exemption for Certain Transactions Act” or the “DI-  
6       RECT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERSTATE INTERNET SALES OF CERTAIN STATE-**  
2 **INSPECTED MEAT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301 of the Federal Meat  
4 Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 661) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “or for  
6 distribution pursuant to the second sentence of sub-  
7 section (c)(2)” before the period at the end; and

8 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

9 (A) in the first sentence, by inserting “or  
10 by” after “conducted at” each place it appears;  
11 and

12 (B) by inserting after the first sentence  
13 the following: “For the purposes of this para-  
14 graph, any retail store, restaurant, or similar  
15 retail-type establishment may sell over the  
16 internet and ship by carrier in commerce (other  
17 than for export to a foreign country) any State-  
18 inspected meat or meat food product, provided  
19 that the State-inspected meat or meat food  
20 product is shipped directly to household con-  
21 sumers and in normal retail quantities.”.

22 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 301 of the  
23 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 661) is amend-  
24 ed—

25 (1) by striking “he” each place it appears and  
26 inserting “the Secretary”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence,  
3 by striking “subparagraph (2)” and inserting  
4 “paragraph (2)”;

5 (B) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) in the first sentence, by striking  
7 “paragraph (c)” and inserting “sub-  
8 section”; and

9 (ii) in the third sentence (as so redes-  
10 ignated), by striking “subparagraph” and  
11 inserting “paragraph”;

12 (C) in paragraph (3)—

13 (i) by striking “paragraph (c)” each  
14 place it appears and inserting “sub-  
15 section”;

16 (ii) by striking “subparagraph (1)”  
17 and inserting “paragraph (1)”; and

18 (iii) by striking “this paragraph” each  
19 place it appears and inserting “this sub-  
20 section”; and

21 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “para-  
22 graph (c)” and inserting “subsection”.

1 **SEC. 3. INTERSTATE INTERNET SALES OF CERTAIN STATE-**  
2 **INSPECTED POULTRY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Poultry Products  
4 Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “or for  
6 distribution pursuant to the second sentence of sub-  
7 section (c)(2)” before the period at the end; and

8 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

9 (A) in the first sentence, by inserting “or  
10 by” after “conducted at” each place it appears;  
11 and

12 (B) by inserting after the first sentence  
13 the following: “For the purposes of this para-  
14 graph, any retail store, restaurant, or similar  
15 retail-type establishment may sell over the  
16 internet and ship by carrier in commerce (other  
17 than for export to a foreign country) any State-  
18 inspected poultry product, provided that the  
19 State-inspected poultry product is shipped di-  
20 rectly to household consumers and in normal  
21 retail quantities.”.

22 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 5 of the  
23 Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454) is  
24 amended—

25 (1) by striking “he” each place it appears and  
26 inserting “the Secretary”;

1           (2) in subsection (a)(3), in the third sentence,  
2           by striking “subparagraph (4)” and inserting “para-  
3           graph (4)”; and

4           (3) in subsection (c)—

5           (A) in paragraph (1)—

6           (i) in the first sentence, by striking  
7           “subparagraph (2) of this paragraph (c)”  
8           and inserting “paragraph (2)”; and

9           (ii) in the fourth sentence, by striking  
10          “subparagraph (a)(4) of this section” and  
11          inserting “subsection (a)(4)”;  
12          (B) in paragraph (2)—

13          (i) in the first sentence, by striking  
14          “paragraph (c)” and inserting “sub-  
15          section”; and

16          (ii) in the third sentence (as so redes-  
17          ignated), by striking “subparagraph” and  
18          inserting “paragraph”;

19          (C) in paragraph (3)—

20          (i) by striking “subparagraph (1) of  
21          this paragraph (c)” and inserting “para-  
22          graph (1)”;  
23          (ii) by striking “paragraph (c)” each  
24          place it appears and inserting “sub-  
25          section”; and

1 (iii) by striking “this paragraph” each  
2 place it appears and inserting “this sub-  
3 section”; and

4 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “para-  
5 graph (c)” and inserting “subsection”.

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