

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7438

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 7, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER (for herself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) 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 MEAT PACKING**
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 October 1, 2021, 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 packing entity
10 so long as such packing entity has a cumulative slaughter
11 capacity of less than 2,000 animals per day or 700,000
12 animals per year.

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