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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DeLAURO (for herself and Ms. S LAUGHTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _________________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Pathogen Reduction and Testing Reform Act of 2014”.

June 24, 2014 (2:19 p.m.)
SEC. 2. PRODUCTS CONTAINING CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CONTAMINANTS ADULTERATED.

(a) MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.—Section 1(m) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601(m)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “or a microbial pathogen that is associated with serious illness or death” after “which may render it injurious to health”; and

(B) by inserting “or such a microbial pathogen” after “added substance”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively;

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

“(B) if it bears or contains a strain of a microbial pathogen, such as Campylobacter or Salmonella, that is resistant to not less than two critically important antibiotics for human medicine (as specified in the World Health Organization’s list of Critically Important Antimicrobials);”; and

(C) in subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)) by striking “clause (B),
(C), or (D)” and inserting “this subparagraph or subparagraph (C) or (D)”.

(b) POUlTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS.—Section 4(g) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 453(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “or a microbial pathogen that is associated with serious illness or death” after “which may render it injurious to health”; and

(B) by inserting “or such a microbial pathogen” after “added substance”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively;

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

“(B) if it bears or contains a strain of a microbial pathogen, such as Campylobacter or Salmonella, that is resistant to not less than two critically important antibiotics for human medicine (as specified in the World Health Organization’s list of Critically Important Antimicrobials);”; and
(C) in subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)) by striking “clause (B), (C), or (D)” and inserting “this subparagraph or subparagraph (C) or (D)”.

c) EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS.—Section 4(a) of the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1033(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “or a microbial pathogen that is associated with serious illness or death” after “which may render it injurious to health”; and

(B) by inserting “or such a microbial pathogen” after “added substance”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively;

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

“(B) if it bears or contains a strain of a microbial pathogen, such as Campylobacter or Salmonella, that is resistant to not less than two critically important antibiotics for human medicine (as specified in...
the World Health Organization’s list of Critically Important Antimicrobials);’’; and

(C) in subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)) by striking “clause (B), (C), or (D)” and inserting “this subparagraph or subparagraph (C) or (D)”.

SEC. 3. TESTING FOR CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CONTAMINANTS REQUIRED.

(a) MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.—The Federal Meat Inspection Act is amended by inserting after section 9 (21 U.S.C. 609) the following new section:

“SEC. 9A. TESTING FOR CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CONTAMINANTS REQUIRED.

“Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall, for purposes of examinations or inspections conducted under this Act, establish sampling protocols and testing procedures using the methods and technologies the Secretary determines are most appropriate—

“(1) to determine if meat and meat food products are adulterated within the meaning of paragraph (1) or (2)(B) of section 1(m); and

“(2) to prevent the use in commerce of any product that is determined to be so adulterated.”.
(b) Poultry and Poultry Products.—The Poultry Products Inspection Act is amended by inserting after section 8 (21 U.S.C. 457) the following new section:

“SEC. 8A. TESTING FOR CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CONTAMINANTS REQUIRED.

“Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall, for purposes of examinations or inspections conducted under this Act, establish sampling protocols and testing procedures using the methods and technologies the Secretary determines are most appropriate—

“(1) to determine if poultry and poultry products are adulterated within the meaning of paragraph (1) or (2)(B) of section 4(g); and

“(2) to prevent the entry into or flow or movement in commerce of, or the burdening of commerce by, any such product that is determined to be so adulterated.”.

(c) Egg and Egg Products.—The Egg Products Inspection Act is amended by inserting after section 7 (21 U.S.C. 1036) the following new section:

“SEC. 7A. TESTING FOR CERTAIN PATHOGENS OR CONTAMINANTS REQUIRED.

“Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall, for purposes of
examinations or inspections conducted under this Act, establish sampling protocols and testing procedures using the methods and technologies the Secretary determines are most appropriate—

“(1) to determine if eggs and egg products are adulterated within the meaning of paragraph (1) or (2)(B) of section 4(a); and

“(2) to prevent the entry into or flow or movement in commerce of, or the burdening of commerce by, any such product that is determined to be so adulterated.”.

SEC. 4. REGULATIONS; EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) Regulations.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue regulations to carry out the amendments made by this Act.

(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to meat and meat food products, poultry and poultry products, and eggs and egg products entering into interstate or foreign commerce on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.