



Requiring Assistance to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants (RAMP-UP) Act

Section-by-Section

Sec. 1: SHORT TITLE.

The bill may be referred to as the Requiring Assistance to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants (RAMP-UP) Act

Sec. 2: GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MEAT AND POULTRY FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR INTERSTATE SHIPMENT.

The bill amends the Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 by inserting a new section:
SEC. 298. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MEAT AND POULTRY FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR INTERSTATE SHIPMENT.

- (a) The Secretary shall make grants to meat and poultry processing facilities for purposes of funding planning activities, facility upgrades, or other necessary improvements required to become a Federally-inspected establishment under either the Federal Meat Inspection Act or the Poultry Products Inspection Act.
- (b) The amount of such a grant shall not exceed \$100,000.
- (c) As a condition of receiving such a grant, a recipient will agree to repay the amount in full if, within 36 months, the recipient does not become a Federally-inspected establishment or is not engaged in a good faith attempt to do so.
- (d) The Secretary will require grant recipients to match Federal grant funds on a dollar per dollar basis. The Secretary will waive this requirement for FY20 and FY21.
- (e) The Secretary shall provide an annual report to the House Agriculture Committee, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on any grants made. The Secretary shall also work with States to report on possible improvements to the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program and submit such report to the House Agriculture Committee, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees within one year of enactment.
- (f) This bill provides \$80 million in direct funding to remain available until expended through FY23, and authorizes \$20 million in annual funding for the same time period.