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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Requiring Assistance to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants Act” or the “RAMP–UP Act”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MEAT AND POULTRY FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR INTERSTATE SHIPMENT.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Subtitle H—Grants for Improvements to Meat and Poultry Facilities to Allow for Interstate Shipment

SEC. 298. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MEAT AND POULTRY FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR INTERSTATE SHIPMENT.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service and in consultation with the Administrator of the Food Safety Inspection Service, shall make grants to meat and poultry processing facilities in operation as of the date on which an application for such a grant is made to assist such facilities with respect to costs incurred in making improvements to such facilities and carrying out other planning activities necessary to be subject to inspection under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.).
“(b) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant under this section shall not exceed $100,000.

“(c) CONDITION.—As a condition on receipt of a grant under this section, a grant recipient shall agree that if the recipient is not subject to inspection or making a good faith effort to be subject to inspection under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) within 36 months of receiving such grant, the grant recipient shall make a payment (or payments) to the Secretary in an amount equal to the amount of the grant.

“(d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require a grant recipient to provide matching nonFederal funds in an amount equal to the amount of a grant.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary shall not require any grant recipient to provide matching funds with respect to a grant awarded in fiscal years 2020 or 2021.

“(e) REPORTS.—

“(1) REPORTS ON GRANTS MADE.—Beginning not later than one year after the date on which the first grant is awarded under this section, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on...
Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a report on grants made under this section and any facilities that were upgraded using such funds during the year covered by the report.

“(2) REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE INTERSTATE SHIPMENT PROGRAM.—Beginning not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a report of any recommendations, developed in consultation with States, for possible improvements to the cooperative interstate shipment program under section 501 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 683) or section 31 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 472).

“(f) FUNDING.—

“(1) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use $80,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
2020 through 2023, to remain available until expended.

“(2) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2023.”.