

HR 4005

To exempt certain animal identification information from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 18, 2004
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Exempts certain information obtained through the livestock identification system from Freedom of Information Act disclosure. States that such information: (1) shall not be released, nor considered to be in the public domain; and (2) shall be considered privileged and confidential commercial information.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to release such information if: (1) related to disease or pest threats to livestock; (2) related to certain actions by the Secretary; and (3) needed for public health and public safety purposes.

Directs the Secretary to release such information to: (1) a requesting livestock owner; (2) the Attorney General for law enforcement purposes; (3) the Secretary of Homeland Security for national security purposes; (4) a court of competent jurisdiction; and (5) a foreign government if necessary to trace livestock threatened by disease or pest.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 8, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census.
- **Mar 23, 2004:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Mar 18, 2004:** Introduced in House
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