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# S 1357

Meat and Poultry Pathogen Reduction and Enforcement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Jun 30, 2005)

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## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 30, 2005

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

# **Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3160	Identical bill	Jul 29, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman

Meat and Poultry Pathogen Reduction and Enforcement Act - Amends the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act, respectively, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe: (1) surveys to determine foodborne pathogen contamination levels for raw meat and raw poultry, and meat and poultry products processed in establishments inspected under such Acts; (2) public health goals; and (3) initial and final pathogen reduction performance standards to reduce pathogen contamination and achieve public health goals.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) identify, and publish a list of, such pathogens; (2) initiate pathogen surveys to determine existing levels of meat and poultry contamination; (3) establish public health goals and objectives to achieve foodborne illness reduction; and (4) report on the scientific feasibility of establishing health-based performance standards for pathogens.

Directs the Secretary to establish a National Advisory Committee for Microbiology Criteria for Foods.

Directs the Secretary to enforce Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) System requirements and other sanitation requirements in any official establishment. Authorizes the Secretary to prohibit non-complying establishments from labeling any meat or meat product, or poultry or poultry product, as "inspected and passed."

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Jun 30, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 30, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 7/1/2005 S7850-7851)
- Jun 30, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.