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S 2770

Downed Animal Enforcement Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Mar 13, 2008

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. (Mar 13, 2008)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 13, 2008

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Related Bills

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Downed Animal Enforcement Act of 2008 - Amends the Federal Meat Inspection Act to make it a violation of such Act to: (1) slaughter any nonambulatory livestock, or prepare any carcass or carcass part or meat or meat food product from such animal, for human food use; or (2) fail to comply with the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958.

Establishes the following penalties for violations of such prohibitions: (1) gross income-based civil penalty for a first violation; (2) one-year inspection service suspension for a second violation; and (3) permanent withdrawal of inspection service a third violation.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate final regulations that provide for public disclosure of a comprehensive list of establishments at which recalled meat or poultry is known to be available for public consumption or sale.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 13, 2008: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 13, 2008: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 3/14/2008 S2151)
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