

S 1620

PRIME Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]

Party: Independent • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		May 22, 2019
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		May 22, 2019
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 30, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 14, 2020
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		May 14, 2020
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		May 21, 2020
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 9, 2020
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 18, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3922	Related bill	Jun 9, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 2859	Related bill	Jun 21, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption Act or the PRIME Act

This bill expands the exemption of custom slaughtering of animals from federal inspection requirements.

Under current law, the exemption applies if the meat is slaughtered for personal, household, guest, and employee uses. The bill expands the exemption to include meat that is

- slaughtered and prepared at a custom slaughter facility in accordance with the laws of the state where the facility is located; and
- prepared exclusively for distribution to household consumers in the state or restaurants, hotels, boarding houses, grocery stores, or other establishments in the state that either prepare meals served directly to consumers or offer meat and food products for sale directly to consumers in the state.

The bill does not preempt any state law concerning (1) the slaughter of animals or the preparation of carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food products at a custom slaughter facility; or (2) the sale of meat or meat food products.

Actions Timeline

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