

## HR 1815

Safe Line Speeds in COVID–19 Act

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**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 11, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Mar 11, 2021)

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### Safe Line Speeds in COVID-19 Act

This bill directs the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), for the duration of the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency period, to suspend any waivers and not issue new waivers related to line speeds in meat and poultry establishments and inspection staffing requirements for such establishments. Additionally, the implementation of, and conversion to, the New Swine Slaughter Inspection System must be suspended.

No funds made available to USDA during the COVID-19 emergency period shall be used to develop, propose, finalize, issue, amend, or implement any policy, regulation, directive, constituent update, or any other agency program that would increase line speeds at meat and poultry establishments.

Upon termination of the COVID-19 emergency period, the Government Accountability Office shall conduct a review of actions taken by specific federal agencies, including USDA, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to determine the effectiveness of such actions in protecting animal, food, and worker safety.

### Actions Timeline

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- **May 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Mar 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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