

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Local Meat  
5 Processing Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWED INTEREST OF CERTAIN PACKERS IN MAR-**  
7 **KET AGENCIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
10 shall revise section 201.67 of title 9, Code of Federal Reg-

1 ulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act),  
2 to exempt the packers described in subsection (b) from  
3 the prohibition described in that section.

4 (b) PACKERS DESCRIBED.—A packer referred to in  
5 subsection (a) is a packer that—

6 (1) with respect to cattle or sheep, has a cumu-  
7 lative slaughter capacity of less than—

8 (A) 2,000 animals per day; or

9 (B) 700,000 animals per year; and

10 (2) with respect to hogs, has a cumulative  
11 slaughter capacity of less than—

12 (A) 10,000 animals per day; or

13 (B) 3,000,000 animals per year.