

1 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the
2 Senate.

3 **SEC. 12114. PILOT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT CUSTOM**
4 **SLAUGHTER ESTABLISHMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—

6 (1) STATE OPERATED PILOT PROGRAM.—Upon
7 the receipt of an application from a custom exempt
8 facility and subject to the requirements specified in
9 subsection (c), a State department of agriculture
10 may operate a pilot program to allow such custom
11 facility to sell slaughtered meat and meat food prod-
12 ucts (referred to in this section as “meat products”)
13 directly to consumers within the State in which the
14 facility is located in accordance with the pilot pro-
15 gram.

16 (2) LACK OF A STATE PILOT PROGRAM.—If a
17 State department of agriculture does not elect to op-
18 erate a pilot program, the Secretary shall, upon re-
19 quest from a custom exempt facility in such a State,
20 operate a pilot program administered by the Sec-
21 retary for that State in accordance with this section.

22 (b) ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF FACILITIES.—

23 (1) INITIAL APPROVAL.—Except as provided in
24 paragraph (2)—

1 (A) a State department of agriculture may
2 approve not more than 5 facilities in such State
3 for participation in a pilot program established
4 under subsection (a)(1); and

5 (B) the Secretary may approve not more
6 than 10 facilities to participate in all pilot pro-
7 grams established under subsection (a)(2).

8 (2) SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF FACILITIES.—

9 Not less than 2 years after the establishment of a
10 pilot program, a State department of agriculture or
11 the Secretary may, if no product produced at a facil-
12 ity that was initially approved under paragraph (1)
13 for participation in such pilot program has been sub-
14 ject to an emergency action under subsection (f)
15 during the 2-year period following such establish-
16 ment, approve—

17 (A) in the case of a State department of
18 agriculture, not more than 5 additional facilities
19 in the respective State; and

20 (B) in the case of the Secretary, not more
21 than 10 additional facilities in all States.

22 (c) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—A pilot pro-
23 gram established under this section shall, at a minimum,
24 require—

1 (1) that meat products sold under the pilot pro-
2 gram are—

3 (A) sold directly to consumers within the
4 State from—

5 (i) the owner of the animals from
6 which such meat products are derived; or

7 (ii) the custom exempt facility at
8 which the meat products were processed;

9 (B) not eligible for re-sale; and

10 (C) clearly labeled to indicate—

11 (i) the name and address of the facil-
12 ity at which the meat products were proc-
13 essed;

14 (ii) the name and address of the
15 owner of the animals from which such
16 meat products are derived;

17 (iii) the location where animals from
18 which such meat products are derived were
19 raised;

20 (iv) the date of slaughter of such ani-
21 mals and the period of time over which the
22 owner raised such animals;

23 (v) that such meat products were not
24 subject to Federal inspection; and

1 (vi) that such meat products shall not
2 be resold;

3 (2) that custom exempt facilities participating
4 in the pilot program comply with—

5 (A) Public Law 85–765 (7 U.S.C. 1901 et
6 seq.; commonly known as the “Humane Meth-
7 ods of Slaughter Act of 1958”);

8 (B) applicable State and local laws;

9 (C) section 23(d) of the Federal Meat In-
10 spection Act (21 U.S.C. 623(d)); and

11 (D) Federal regulations pertaining to—

12 (i) sanitation standards and record
13 keeping requirements for custom exempt
14 facilities; and

15 (ii) the handling and disposition of
16 specified risk materials;

17 (3) that custom exempt facilities participating
18 in the pilot program be subject to onsite inspection
19 by the Secretary to ensure compliance with the re-
20 quirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2); and

21 (4) that custom exempt facilities participating
22 in the pilot program be subject to onsite inspection
23 at least annually by the local authority responsible
24 for restaurant inspections or the State department
25 of agriculture.

1 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
3 issue, and make publicly available, guidance for participa-
4 tion in a pilot program established pursuant to this sec-
5 tion.

6 (e) INELIGIBILITY.—An establishment subject to in-
7 spection by the Secretary under the Federal Meat Inspec-
8 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or operating pursuant
9 to a State meat inspection program authorized under sec-
10 tion 301 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.
11 661) shall not be eligible to participate in a pilot program
12 established pursuant to this section.

13 (f) AUTHORITY FOR EMERGENCY ACTION.—If the
14 Secretary has credible evidence that a meat product pro-
15 duced at a custom exempt facility participating in a pilot
16 program established pursuant to this section is adulter-
17 ated, the Secretary—

18 (1) shall, pursuant to the Federal Meat Inspec-
19 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), take such actions
20 as may be necessary to address the risk to public
21 health posed by such products; and

22 (2) may terminate the participation of a custom
23 exempt facility in a pilot program established pursu-
24 ant to this section.

25 (g) REPORT REQUIRED.—

1 (1) REPORTS BY STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AG-
2 RICULTURE TO SECRETARY.—Beginning September
3 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter until Sep-
4 tember 30, 2031, each State department of agri-
5 culture operating a pilot program pursuant to this
6 section shall submit to the Secretary a report detail-
7 ing, with respect to each such pilot program within
8 the relevant State for the preceding fiscal year—

9 (A) the number and location of persons or
10 custom exempt facilities selling meat products
11 under each such pilot program;

12 (B) the outcomes of each such pilot pro-
13 gram;

14 (C) any instances in which a meat product
15 was subject to an emergency action under sub-
16 section (f); and

17 (D) aggregated data on the volume of
18 meat being processed under such pilot program.

19 (2) REPORT BY SECRETARY TO CONGRESS.—
20 Not later than 2 years after initiating a pilot pro-
21 gram under this section, the Secretary shall submit
22 to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of
23 Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture,
24 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report de-
25 tailing—

1 (A) the information received from partici-
2 pating State departments of agriculture under
3 paragraph (1); and

4 (B) for any custom exempt facilities par-
5 ticipating in a pilot program established by the
6 Secretary pursuant to subsection (a)(2)—

7 (i) the number and location of persons
8 or custom exempt facilities selling products
9 pursuant to such pilot program;

10 (ii) the outcomes of such pilot pro-
11 gram; and

12 (iii) any instances in which a meat
13 product was subject to an emergency ac-
14 tion under subsection (f).

15 (h) CUSTOM EXEMPT FACILITY DEFINED.—In this
16 section, the term “custom exempt facility” means an es-
17 tablishment engaged in the slaughter of animals and the
18 preparation of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and
19 meat food products for commerce that is not subject to
20 the Federal inspection requirements under title I of the
21 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

22 (i) SUNSET.—A State and the Secretary may not op-
23 erate a pilot program under this section on or after Sep-
24 tember 30, 2031, and no facility that is exempt from in-
25 spection under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21

1 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) pursuant to this section shall be ex-
2 empt from that inspection on or after September 30,
3 2031.

4 **Subtitle B—Department of Agri-**
5 **culture Reorganization Act of**
6 **1994**

7 **SEC. 12201. OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

8 Section 221 of the Department of Agriculture Reor-
9 ganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6922) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (d)—

11 (A) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at
12 the end;

13 (B) by redesignating paragraph (8) as
14 paragraph (9); and

15 (C) by inserting after paragraph (7) the
16 following:

17 “(8) conducting annual cross-sector crisis sim-
18 ulation exercises related to a food-related emergency
19 or disruption; and”;

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(f) DETAILEES.—The Secretary may detail employ-
22 ees of the Department of Agriculture to, and accept em-
23 ployees detailed from, the intelligence community (as de-
24 fined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947)