

Amendment to HR 18

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 A RESOLUTION urging the New Hampshire congressional delegation to sponsor legislation  
4 relative to, and urging the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
5 to adopt regulations, allowing for small scale and very small slaughter plants  
6 to use the Federal Meat Inspection Act's Custom Exempt meat processing  
7 inspection criteria with a third-party inspector present at slaughter, so that  
8 processed beef, pork, lamb, and chevron (goat meat) can be sold as individual  
9 cuts directly from the farm producer to the end consumer.

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11 Amend the bill by replacing all after the resolving clause with the following:

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13 Whereas, New Hampshire has only 4 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
14 approved slaughter plants; and

15 Whereas, to ensure processing availability, farmers in the region must schedule a slaughter date  
16 at a USDA approved slaughter facility before their livestock are born; and

17 Whereas, supply chain issues we experienced as a nation during the COVID-19 pandemic  
18 highlighted the vulnerability of the existing concentration in the nation's meat processing industry  
19 when consumers found limited availability and even empty meat cases in stores; and

20 Whereas, a strong local food economy is vital to the nutritional needs and public health of the  
21 state's citizenry; and

22 Whereas, there is a desire for consumers to know where and how their food is grown and raised  
23 and to have the ability to speak with the farmer producing their food; and

24 Whereas, exemptions and flexibility are already provided for poultry in the Poultry Products  
25 Inspection Act and for non-amenable species (i.e., species not covered under the Federal Meat  
26 Inspection Act) such as bison, deer, elk, and rabbits; and

27 Whereas, the USDA's existing regulations enable the processing of the meat from amenable  
28 species in a state licensed facility where the animal has been slaughtered under USDA inspection;  
29 now, therefore, be it

30 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

31 That the New Hampshire house of representatives urges our congressional delegation to sponsor  
32 legislation, and also urges the USDA to adopt regulations, allowing for small scale and very small  
33 slaughter plants to use the Federal Meat Inspection Act's Custom Exempt meat processing  
34 inspection criteria with a third-party inspector present at slaughter, so that processed beef, pork,

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1 lamb, and chevron (goat meat) can be sold as individual cuts directly from the farm producer to the  
2 end consumer.

3 Let it further be resolved that copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house, be  
4 forwarded by the house clerk to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the  
5 secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the administrator of the United  
6 States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This resolution urges the New Hampshire congressional delegation to sponsor legislation about and urges the United States Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations allowing small-scale and very small slaughter plants to allow certain inspection criteria to be used to enable the sale of processed beef, pork, lamb, and goat meat from farm to the end consumer.