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# H. R. 2475

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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. Section 1(n) of the Federal Meat Inspec-  
4       tion Act (21 U.S.C. 601(n)) is amended—  
5               (1) in paragraph (11) by striking out “or” at  
6               the end,

5 “(13) if it is or was imported and if its labeling  
6 fails to bear the words ‘imported’, ‘may have been  
7 imported’, ‘this product contains imported meat’,  
8 ‘this product may contain imported meat’, ‘this con-  
9 tainer contains imported meat’, or ‘this container  
10 may contain imported meat’, as the case may be, or  
11 words to indicate its country of origin.”.

12 SEC. 2. (a) Whoever—

4 (B) by indicating such fact on menus of-  
5 fered, posted, or otherwise made available to  
6 such individuals,

7 shall be issued a warning on the first occasion on  
8 which it is discovered that any such failure may have  
9 occurred and shall be fined an amount not to exceed  
10 \$500 for each day on which any such failure occurs  
11 after receipt of such warning.

12 (b) For purposes of this section—

4 (c)(1) For purposes of subsection (b)(3), the Sec-  
5 retary shall issue a proposed rule defining the term “sig-  
6 nificant amount”, as used in subsection (a)(2), not later  
7 than thirty calendar days after the date of the enactment  
8 of this Act.

9        (2) The Committee on Agriculture of the House of  
10 Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
11 tion, and Forestry of the Senate may each disapprove any  
12 proposed rule issued under paragraph (1) or (3) not later  
13 than sixty days of continuous session of the Congress after  
14 the date on which any such proposed rule is issued.

15       (3) If any proposed rule is disapproved by either com-  
16 mittee under paragraph (2), then the Secretary shall with-  
17 draw such proposed rule, and, taking into consideration  
18 the objections of each committee disapproving such pro-  
19 posed rule, shall issue another proposed rule defining the  
20 term specified in paragraph (1), not later than thirty cal-  
21 endar days after any such disapproval.

22 (4) No proposed rule issued under paragraph (1) or  
23 paragraph (3) may take effect before the expiration of the  
24 sixty-day period described in paragraph (2).

25 (5) For purposes of paragraph (2)—

8 SEC. 3. (a) This section and section 2(c) shall take  
9 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (b) The amendment made by section 1 shall take effect  
11 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (c) Section 2 (other than subsection (c)) shall take  
13 effect one year after the expiration of the sixty-day period  
14 described in section 2(c)(2) during which a proposed rule  
15 issued under paragraph (1) or (3) of section 2(c) is not  
16 disapproved.

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