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To promote food safety through continuation of the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database program operated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. FORD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERREY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ROTH, and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. FOOD ANIMAL RESIDUE AVOIDANCE DATABASE**

4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
6 Agriculture shall continue operation of the Food Animal
7 Residue Avoidance Database program (referred to in this

1 section as the “FARAD program”) through contracts with
2 appropriate colleges or universities.

3 (b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the FARAD pro-
4 gram, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

5 (1) provide livestock producers, extension spe-
6 cialists, scientists, and veterinarians with informa-
7 tion to prevent drug, pesticide, and environmental
8 contaminant residues in food animal products;

9 (2) maintain up-to-date information concern-
10 ing—

11 (A) withdrawal times on FDA-approved
12 food animal drugs and appropriate withdrawal
13 intervals for drugs used in food animals in the
14 United States, as established under section
15 512(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
16 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 360b(a));

17 (B) official tolerances for drugs and pes-
18 ticides in tissues, eggs, and milk;

19 (C) descriptions and sensitivities of rapid
20 screening tests for detecting residues in tissues,
21 eggs, and milk; and

22 (D) data on the distribution and fate of
23 chemicals in food animals;

1 (3) publish periodically a compilation of food
2 animal drugs approved by the Food and Drug Ad-
3 ministration;

4 (4) make information on food animal drugs
5 available to the public through handbooks and other
6 literature, computer software, a telephone hotline,
7 and the Internet;

8 (5) furnish producer quality-assurance pro-
9 grams with up-to-date data on approved drugs;

10 (6) maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date,
11 residue avoidance database;

12 (7) provide professional advice for determining
13 the withdrawal times necessary for food safety in the
14 use of drugs in food animals; and

15 (8) engage in other activities designed to pro-
16 mote food safety.

17 (c) CONTRACTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
19 shall offer to enter into contracts with appropriate
20 colleges and universities to operate the FARAD pro-
21 gram.

22 (2) TERM.—The term of a contract under sub-
23 section (a) shall be 3 years, with options to extend
24 the term of the contract triennially.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$1,000,000 for each fiscal year.

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