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S. 425 Food Safety and Tracking Improvement Act

Summary:

S. 425, the Food Safety and Tracking Improvement Act, amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the establishment of a traceability system for food, to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Act, the Egg Products Inspection Act, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improved public health and food safety through enhanced enforcement.

Status:

2/12/2009 Referred to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

AVMA Position: Support**Justification:**

- The AVMA recognizes that the establishment of a traceability system under this proposed legislation has the potential to provide for enhanced food safety.
- In addition to a traceability system, S. 425 establishes mandatory recall authority, which could be enlisted in the absence of a voluntary recall. Previously, the AVMA has had concerns with mandatory recall authority and believes that voluntary recall will continue to be effective and utilized appropriately to protect public health.

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