

HR 5422

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants for the prevention of cruelty to animals to States that have enacted laws prohibiting the devocalization of dogs and cats for purposes of convenience.

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Summary (as of May 27, 2010)

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants for the prevention of cruelty to animals to states that have enacted laws prohibiting the performance of devocalization procedures on dogs and cats for purposes of convenience.

Defines: (1) "devocalization procedure" as a surgical procedure that prevents an animal's larynx from producing sound or reduces the ability of the larynx to produce sound; and (2) "for purposes of convenience" meaning that the procedure is not performed primarily for the animal's therapeutic benefit.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 18, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **May 27, 2010:** Introduced in House
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