

## HR 1725

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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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Animals

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of May 4, 2011)

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) 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

• **May 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

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• **May 4, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.