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Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act

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Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Dec 16, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 16, 2011
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 24, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 31, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 835	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

Summary (as of Mar 31, 2011)

Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act - Amends the Animal Welfare Act to define a "high volume retail breeder" as a person who, in commerce, for compensation or profit: (1) has an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs; and (2) sells, via any means of conveyance, more than 50 of the offspring of such dogs for use as pets in any one-year period. Considers such a breeder of dogs to be a dealer.

Requires dealers to include on licensing applications and annual renewals the total number of dogs exempted from exercise on the premises of the dealer in the preceding year by a licensed veterinarian.

Requires the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to promulgate requirements for the exercise of dogs at facilities owned or operated by a dealer, including requiring daily access to exercise that: (1) allows the dogs to move sufficiently in a way that is not forced, repetitive, or restrictive; and (2) is in an area that is spacious, cleaned at least once a day, free of infestation by pests or vermin, and designed to prevent the dogs from escaping. Allows an exemption if: (1) a licensed veterinarian determines that a dog should not exercise because of the health, condition, or well-being of the dog; and (2) such determination is reviewed and updated at least once every 30 days by the veterinarian, unless the basis for the determination is a permanent condition. Subjects such a determination to review and approval by the Secretary.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2052)
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.