

## HR 1368

Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

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Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Apr 12, 2017
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2017
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 503	Identical bill	<b>Mar 2, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1580; text of measure as introduced: CR S1580-1581)

### Summary (as of Mar 6, 2017)

#### Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to maintain and publicly disclose records relating to the administration of the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act, including specified details regarding inspections, enforcement actions, regulations, registrations, and licenses under the two laws. Within 90 days of the enactment of this bill, USDA must make the records available to the public in an online searchable database in a machine-readable format on its website.

The bill also amends the Internal Revenue Code to require a taxpayer who has been convicted or assessed civil penalties for violating certain provisions of the Animal Welfare Act or the Horse Protection Act to use the alternative depreciation system that increases the number of years over which property is depreciated. The taxpayer must use the system for any property placed in service during the five-year period beginning with the year in which the period for seeking judicial review of a civil penalty has lapsed or in which there has been a final judgment entered with respect to the violation, whichever is earlier.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Mar 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **Mar 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E275)
- **Mar 6, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.