

HR 4693

Puppy Protection Act of 2017

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| Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18] | R · FL | | Sep 6, 2018 |
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| Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41] | D · CA | | Nov 27, 2018 |

Committee Activity

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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 24, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 20, 2017)

Puppy Protection Act of 2017

This bill amends the Animal Welfare Act to require the Department of Agriculture to expand standards that govern the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals to include new requirements for commercial dog dealers. Specifically, the standards must require dog dealers to provide to dogs: (1) adequate housing, exercise, and veterinary care; (2) appropriate and nutritious food; (3) continuous access to potable water; and (4) meaningful socialization with humans and compatible dogs for at least 30 minutes each day. The standards must also include requirements for breeders to use safe breeding practices and make all reasonable efforts to find humane placement for retired breeding dogs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 24, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Dec 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 20, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.