

S 1385

Puppy Protection Act of 2021

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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 2, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 15, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 15, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 1, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 8, 2021
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Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Dec 15, 2021
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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 29, 2022

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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 19, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 27, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2840	Related bill	Jun 21, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

Summary (as of Apr 27, 2021)

Puppy Protection Act of 2021

This bill requires 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

- adequate housing, exercise, and veterinary care;
- appropriate and nutritious food;
- continuous access to potable water; and
- 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

- **Apr 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 27, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text: CR S2227-2228)