

S 4205

PAW Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Law: 117-212 (Enacted Oct 17, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		May 12, 2022
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		May 24, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 3, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7789	Identical bill	Dec 8, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 442.
117 HRES 1339	Related bill	Sep 14, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Planning for Animal Wellness Act or the PAW Act

This act directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish a working group relating to best practices and federal guidance for animals in emergencies and disasters.

Specifically, the working group shall (1) encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities working to address the needs of household pets, service and assistance animals, and captive animals in emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery; and (2) review best practices and federal guidance on sheltering and evacuation planning relating to the needs of such pets and animals.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 17, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 17, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 17, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-212.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1339, proceedings on S. 4205 are considered vacated.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 11 of H. Res. 1339, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1468, as amended; H.R. 5865; H.R. 5916, as amended; H.R. 7735, as amended; H.R. 7846; H.R. 7939, as amended; H.R. 8260, as amended; and S. 4205.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Pursuant to section 11 of H. Res. 1339, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1468, as amended; H.R. 5865; H.R. 5916, as amended; H.R. 7735, as amended; H.R. 7846; H.R. 7939, as amended; H.R. 8260, as amended; and S. 4205. (consideration: CR H7814-7822; text: CR H7814)
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7758-7759; text: CR H7758-7759)
- **Sep 13, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 4205.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Aug 9, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 9, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 8, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 6, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4165)
- **Aug 6, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4165)
- **Aug 3, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-140.
- **Aug 3, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 466.
- **May 25, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 12, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 12, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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