

HR 1184

Healthy Dog Importation Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

Introduced: Feb 24, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. (Mar 22, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1184>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]

Party: Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (27 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 22, 2023
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Apr 19, 2023
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 25, 2023
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Apr 25, 2023
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Apr 25, 2023
Rescom. González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Apr 25, 2023
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		May 15, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		May 15, 2023
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		May 25, 2023
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 25, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jun 14, 2023
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 12, 2023
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Nov 14, 2023
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Feb 6, 2024
Rep. Chavez-DeRemer, Lori [R-OR-5]	R · OR		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 23, 2024
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Feb 29, 2024
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Mar 19, 2024
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Mar 20, 2024
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Sep 9, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 502	Related bill	Feb 16, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Healthy Dog Importation Act

This bill imposes requirements on the importation of live dogs.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the importation of a live dog into the United States unless the Department of Agriculture (USDA) determines the dog (1) is in good health; (2) has received all necessary vaccinations, internal and external parasite treatment, and demonstrated negative test results as evidenced by a certificate from a licensed veterinarian; and (3) is officially identified by a permanent method approved by USDA. Additionally, dogs entering the United States for transfer must be at least six months of age and accompanied by a USDA permit. *Transfer* is defined as a change of ownership or control of an imported dog to another person, including by sale, adoption, exchange, or donation.

USDA must provide an exception to any requirements under the bill for dogs that are transferred for (1) research purposes; (2) veterinary treatment under certain conditions, including appropriate quarantining; or (3) lawful importation into the state of Hawaii if the dog is not transported out of Hawaii for transfer at less than six months of age.

USDA also has enforcement authority under the bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.