

HR 4750

Bring Animals Relief and Kibble Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2023
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Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 24, 2023
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 24, 2023
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2023
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 24, 2023
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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Aug 1, 2023
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Aug 1, 2023
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Aug 1, 2023
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Rep. Kiley, Kevin [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Aug 25, 2023
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Sep 19, 2023
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2023

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Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Sep 28, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Oct 6, 2023
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Oct 6, 2023
Rep. Foushee, Valerie P. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Oct 20, 2023
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Rep. Molinaro, Marcus J. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Jan 10, 2024
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Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2024
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Mar 26, 2024
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Apr 9, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 19, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2370	Related bill	Jul 19, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Bring Animals Relief and Kibble Act of 2023 or the BARK Act of 2023

This bill provides civil and criminal liability protections for the donation of pet food and pet supplies under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act. (The act shields persons that donate and distribute food to nonprofit organizations from liability for injuries caused by those donated products, with exceptions.)

Specifically, the bill limits liability for persons or gleaners arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of food or pet supplies that are donated in good faith by the person or gleaner to a nonprofit organization, state, or local government for direct distribution to pets, service animals, or emotional support animals. *Gleaner* means a person who harvests for free distribution to the needy, or for donation to a nonprofit organization, an agricultural crop that has been donated by the owner.

Further, the bill limits liability for a nonprofit organization, state, or local government arising from donated items received from a person or gleaner in good faith for direct distribution to pets, service animals, or emotional support animals.

The bill also specifies that the existing exception that permits a person, gleaner, or nonprofit organization to be held liable for acts or omissions that constitute gross negligence or intentional misconduct applies to the liability protections established by this bill.

Actions Timeline

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