

## S 502

### Healthy Dog Importation Act

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 9, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 27, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 18, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 23, 2024
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 6, 2024
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 15, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 16, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1184	Related bill	<b>Mar 22, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

## 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

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