

HR 5041

Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

Introduced: Jul 27, 2023

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. (Sep 19, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5041>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]

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

Cosponsors (219 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Sep 1, 2023
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Sep 1, 2023
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 8, 2023
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2023
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Sep 8, 2023
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Sep 14, 2023
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		Sep 18, 2023
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 18, 2023
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 26, 2023
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2023
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Sep 27, 2023
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Oct 2, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Oct 2, 2023
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Balint, Becca [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. D'Esposito, Anthony [R-NY-4]	R · NY		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]	D · MI		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-37]	D · TX		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-27]	R · CA		Oct 30, 2023

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Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2023
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Foushee, Valerie P. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2023

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Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		Nov 9, 2023
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2023
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Nov 14, 2023
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Nov 14, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jeff [D-NC-14]	D · NC		Nov 14, 2023
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2023
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Nov 14, 2023

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Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Hoyle, Val T. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Kamlager-Dove, Sydney [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Nov 29, 2023
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Ivey, Glenn [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Sorensen, Eric [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Dec 6, 2023
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Dec 6, 2023
Rep. Lee, Laurel M. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Dec 6, 2023
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Dec 6, 2023
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2023
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2023
Rep. Amo, Gabe [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Dec 14, 2023
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Dec 14, 2023
Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Dec 14, 2023
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Dec 14, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Dec 14, 2023

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Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Dec 19, 2023
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Dec 19, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Dec 19, 2023
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Dec 19, 2023
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Dec 19, 2023
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Dec 22, 2023
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Dec 22, 2023
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Dec 22, 2023
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Jan 12, 2024
Rep. Vasquez, Gabe [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jan 12, 2024
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jan 25, 2024
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jan 25, 2024
Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 5, 2024
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2024
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Williams, Brandon [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Feb 15, 2024
Rep. Barragán, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Apr 5, 2024
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 5, 2024
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Apr 5, 2024
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		May 8, 2024
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jun 11, 2024
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jul 2, 2024
Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jul 10, 2024
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Jul 10, 2024
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 24, 2024
Rep. Kiggans, Jennifer A. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Jul 25, 2024
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Carter, Troy A. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Aug 16, 2024
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Aug 16, 2024
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Aug 16, 2024
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Aug 30, 2024
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Aug 30, 2024
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Sep 6, 2024
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Sep 10, 2024
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Sep 10, 2024
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2024
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Sep 18, 2024
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Sep 19, 2024
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Sep 24, 2024
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Sep 25, 2024

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Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 25, 2024
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Sep 25, 2024
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Sep 25, 2024
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2024
Rep. Velázquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Nov 5, 2024
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Nov 8, 2024
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Nov 18, 2024
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Dec 3, 2024
Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Dec 11, 2024
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Dec 16, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 19, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 5335	Related bill	Nov 18, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 S 2555	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Summary (as of Jul 27, 2023)

Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023 or the Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023

This bill modifies enforcement provisions under the Animal Welfare Act, including by allowing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to bring civil actions against violators of the act for appropriate relief, such as removing animals, revoking violators' licenses, or issuing civil penalties. DOJ must use the penalties to pay for the temporary care for animals pending the disposition of civil or criminal proceedings that allege violations of the act with respect to such animals.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.