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To amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

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Mr. FARR (for himself, Mr. GERLACH, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. KIRK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Puppy Uniform Pro-
5 tection and Safety Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATION OF HIGH-VOLUME SELLERS OF PUP-**
2 **PIES.**

3 (a) RETAIL PET STORE DEFINED.—Section 2 of the
4 Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2132) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(p) The term ‘retail pet store’ means a person
7 that—

8 “(1) sells an animal directly to the public for
9 use as a pet; and

10 “(2) does not breed or raise more than 50 dogs
11 for use as pets during any one-year period.”.

12 (b) LICENSES.—Section 3 of the Animal Welfare Act
13 (7 U.S.C. 2133) is amended in the second proviso—

14 (1) by striking “retail pet store or other person
15 who” and inserting “retail pet store, or other person
16 who (1) does not breed or raise more than 50 dogs
17 for use as pets during any one-year period, and (2)”;
18 and

19 (2) by striking “research facility” and inserting
20 “research facility,”.

21 (c) HUMANE STANDARDS.—Section 13 of the Animal
22 Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143) is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) and (h) as
24 subsections (h) and (i), respectively;

25 (2) by redesignating the second subsection (f)
26 as subsection (g); and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(j)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a dealer shall pro-
4 vide each dog held by such dealer that is of the age of
5 12 weeks or older with a minimum of two exercise periods
6 during each day for a total of not less than one hour of
7 exercise during such day. Such exercise shall include re-
8 moving the dog from the dog’s primary enclosure and al-
9 lowing the dog to walk for the entire exercise period, but
10 shall not include use of a treadmill, catmill, jenny mill,
11 slat mill, or similar device, unless prescribed by a doctor
12 of veterinary medicine.

13 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a dog certified
14 by a doctor of veterinary medicine, on a form designated
15 by and submitted to the Secretary, as being medically pre-
16 cluded from exercise.”.

17 **SEC. 3. EFFECT ON STATE LAW.**

18 The amendments made by this Act shall not be con-
19 strued to preempt any law or regulation of a State or a
20 political subdivision of a State containing requirements
21 that are greater than the requirements of the amendments
22 made by this Act.

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