

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5780

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to end the use of cats in experiments that cause pain or stress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to end the use of cats in experiments that cause pain or stress.

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 “Kittens In Traumatic
5 Testing Ends Now Act of 2018” or the “KITTEN Act
6 of 2018”.

7 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON EXPERIMENTATION ON CATS.**

8 Section 14 of the Animal Welfare Act is amended—

9 (1) by striking “Any department, agency,” and
10 all that follows through “and (h)”;

1 (2) by inserting the following:

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
3 (b), any department, agency, or instrumentality of the
4 United States having laboratory animal facilities shall
5 comply with the standards and other requirements pro-
6 mulgated by the Secretary for a research facility under
7 subsections (a), (f), (g), and (h) of section 13.”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(b) Beginning not later than 90 days after the date
11 of enactment of this subsection, in carrying out research,
12 the Secretary may not purchase, breed, transport, house,
13 feed, maintain, dispose of, or conduct experiments on cats
14 as part of the conduct of any study that would subject
15 cats to potentially painful or stressful procedures, includ-
16 ing pain or stress that may be mitigated by anesthetics,
17 analgesics, or tranquilizer drugs, except when such pain
18 or stress is a result of a physical exam or training pro-
19 gram.”.

○