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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATSON (for herself and Mr. GALLEGLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Prevention of Farm
5 Animal Cruelty Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) More humane treatment of livestock mini-
4 mizes needless suffering, results in safer and better
5 working conditions for persons engaged in the ani-
6 mal agricultural industry, brings about improvement
7 of products, and generates other benefits for pro-
8 ducers, processors, consumers, public health, and the
9 environment, which expedite an orderly flow of live-
10 stock products in interstate and foreign commerce.

11 (2) The Federal Government can lead by exam-
12 ple in the marketplace and encourage more humane
13 practices by purchasing products derived from live-
14 stock raised in compliance with this Act.

15 (b) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
16 United States that the raising of livestock for food produc-
17 tion shall be consistent with the basic principles of animal
18 welfare.

19 **SEC. 3. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL PRO-**
20 **CUREMENT OF FOOD PRODUCTS DERIVED**
21 **FROM CERTAIN ANIMALS.**

22 (a) HUMANE PRACTICES REQUIRED.—A Federal
23 agency may not purchase any food product derived from
24 a covered animal unless the covered animal, during the
25 entire period while covered by the definition in subsection
26 (d)(1), was raised in compliance with subsection (b).

1 (b) COMPLIANCE.—A covered animal is raised in
2 compliance with the requirements of subsection (a) only
3 if the animal was provided adequate space to—

4 (1) stand up, lie down, and turn around freely;

5 and

6 (2) fully extend all limbs.

7 (c) EXEMPTIONS.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall not
8 apply to a covered animal—

9 (1) during lawful transport;

10 (2) during the slaughter of the covered animal
11 in compliance with Public Law 85–765 (7 U.S.C.
12 1901 et seq.; commonly known as the Humane
13 Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958) and other appli-
14 cable law and regulations;

15 (3) in lawful rodeo exhibitions, State or county
16 fair exhibitions, or other similar exhibitions;

17 (4) in lawful scientific or agricultural research;

18 (5) while undergoing an examination, test,
19 treatment, or operation for individualized veterinary
20 purposes to improve the well-being of the covered
21 animal; or

22 (6) in the case of a pig during pregnancy, dur-
23 ing the seven-day period immediately before the date
24 on which the pig is reasonably expected to give birth.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “covered animal” means any pig
2 during pregnancy, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying
3 hen used or intended for use in food production.

4 (2) The term “fully extend all limbs”, with re-
5 spect to a covered animal, means the ability of the
6 covered animal to fully extend all limbs without
7 touching the side of an enclosure, including, in the
8 case of egg-laying hens, fully spreading both wings
9 without touching the side of an enclosure or other
10 egg-laying hens.

11 (3) The term “turn around freely”, with respect
12 to a covered animal, means the ability of the covered
13 animal to turn in a complete circle without any im-
14 pediment, including a tether, and without touching
15 the side of an enclosure.

16 (e) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion shall modify, limit, or repeal any law in effect upon
18 the date of the enactment of this Act or preempt any State
19 or local law.

20 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 This Act shall take effect on the date that is two
22 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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