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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HASTINGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Dog and Cat Meat
5 Trade Prohibition Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SLAUGHTER OF DOGS AND CATS**

7 **FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

8 The Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 30. PROHIBITION OF SLAUGHTER OF DOGS AND CATS**
2 **FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

3 “(a) PROHIBITION.—No person may—

4 “(1) knowingly slaughter a dog or cat for
5 human consumption; or

6 “(2) knowingly ship, transport, move, deliver,
7 receive, possess, purchase, sell, or donate—

8 “(A) a dog or cat to be slaughtered for
9 human consumption; or

10 “(B) dog or cat parts for human consump-
11 tion.

12 “(b) PENALTY.—Any person who violates this section
13 shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than 1 year,
14 or a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both.

15 “(c) SCOPE.—Subsection (a) shall apply only with re-
16 spect to conduct in or affecting interstate or foreign com-
17 merce or within the special maritime and territorial juris-
18 diction of the United States.

19 “(d) CONFLICT WITH STATE LAW.—This section
20 shall not be construed to limit any State or local law or
21 regulations protecting the welfare of animals or to prevent
22 a State or local governing body from adopting and enforce-
23 ing animal welfare laws and regulations that are more
24 stringent than this section.”.