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H. R. 6186

To amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases from conducting or supporting research that causes significant pain or distress to a dog, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2021

Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. POSEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. TLAIB) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Preventing Animal
5 Abuse and Waste Act of 2021” or the “PAAW Act of
6 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RESEARCH CAUSING SIGNIFICANT**
2 **PAIN OR DISTRESS TO DOGS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 6 of part C of title IV
4 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285f et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 447D. PROHIBITION ON RESEARCH CAUSING SIGNIFI-**
7 **CANT PAIN OR DISTRESS TO DOGS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Institute
9 may not conduct or support any research that causes sig-
10 nificant pain or distress to a dog.

11 “(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘re-
12 search that causes significant pain or distress’ includes
13 any study classified in pain category D or E by the De-
14 partment of Agriculture.”.

15 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
16 section (a) applies beginning on the date that is 90 days
17 after the date of enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 3. REPORTING.**

19 (a) NIH STUDY ON RESEARCH CAUSING PAIN OR
20 DISTRESS TO DOGS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director
23 of the National Institutes of Health shall—

24 (A) submit a report to the Congress on all
25 ongoing or prospective research that causes sig-
26 nificant pain or distress to a dog conducted or

1 supported by the National Institute of Allergy
2 and Infectious Disease; and

3 (B) include in such report the amount of
4 funds obligated or estimated to be obligated for
5 each such research.

6 (2) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “re-
7 search that causes significant pain or distress” in-
8 cludes any study classified in pain category C, D, or
9 E by the Department of Agriculture.

10 (b) NIAID STUDY ON EFFORTS TO PHASE OUT USE
11 OF DOGS IN TESTING.—Not later than 6 months after
12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Na-
13 tional Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases shall
14 submit a report to the Congress on—

15 (1) the efforts to phase out the use of dogs in
16 studies that are conducted or supported by the Insti-
17 tute; and

18 (2) any barriers to such phase out.

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