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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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A BILL

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consumption, and for other purposes.

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 2018".

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

7   **FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

8   (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection

9   (c), no person may—

1   (1) knowingly slaughter a dog or cat for human

2 consumption; or

3   (2) knowingly ship, transport, move, deliver, re-

4 ceive, possess, purchase, sell, or donate—

5   (A) a dog or cat to be slaughtered for

6   human consumption; or

7   (B) a dog or cat part for human consump-

8   tion.

9   (b) SCOPE.—Subsection (a) shall apply only with re-

10 spect to conduct—

11   (1) in interstate commerce or foreign com-

12 merce; or

13   (2) within the special maritime and territorial

14 jurisdiction of the United States.

15   (c) EXCEPTION FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—The prohibi-

16 tion in subsection (a) shall not apply to an Indian (as de-

17 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and

18 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)) carrying out

19 any activity described in subsection (a) for the purpose

20 of a religious ceremony.

21   (d) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection

22 (a) shall be subject to a fine in an amount not greater

23 than $5,000 for each violation.

24   (e) EFFECT ON STATE LAW.—Nothing in this sec-

25 tion—

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1   (1) limits any State or local law or regulation

2   protecting the welfare of animals; or

3   (2) prevents a State or unit of local government

4   from adopting and enforcing an animal welfare law

5   or regulation that is more stringent than this sec-

6   tion.