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H. R. 559

To amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 1993

Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MFUME, Mr. RAVENEL, and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Downed Animal Pro-
5 tection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNLAWFUL STOCKYARD PRACTICES INVOLVING**
2 **NONAMBULATORY LIVESTOCK.**

3 Title III of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921,
4 is amended by inserting after section 317 (7 U.S.C. 217a)
5 the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 318. UNLAWFUL STOCKYARD PRACTICES INVOLVING**
7 **NONAMBULATORY LIVESTOCK.**

8 “(a) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
9 ‘humanely euthanized’ means to kill an animal by mechan-
10 ical, chemical, or other means that rapidly and effectively
11 renders the animal insensitive to pain.

12 “(b) UNLAWFUL ACT.—It shall be unlawful for any
13 stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to buy, sell,
14 give, receive, transfer, market, or hold nonambulatory live-
15 stock unless the livestock has been humanely euthanized.”.

16 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 This Act and the amendment made by this Act shall
18 become effective 1 year after the date of enactment of this
19 Act.

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