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To amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. LIPINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.

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. PUNISHMENT FOR DEPICTION OF ANIMAL CRU-**
4 **ELTY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 48. Depiction of animal cruelty**

9 “(a) CREATION, SALE, OR POSSESSION.—Whoever
10 knowingly creates, sells, or possesses a depiction of animal

1 cruelty with the intention of placing that depiction in
2 interstate or foreign commerce for commercial gain, shall
3 be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5
4 years, or both.

5 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 “(1) the term ‘depiction of animal cruelty’
7 means any visual or auditory depiction, including
8 any photograph, motion-picture film, video record-
9 ing, electronic image, or sound recording of conduct
10 in which a living animal is intentionally maimed,
11 mutilated, tortured, wounded, or killed, if such con-
12 duct is illegal under Federal law or the law of the
13 State in which the creation, sale, or possession takes
14 place, regardless of whether the maiming, mutila-
15 tion, torture, wounding, or killing took place in the
16 State; and

17 “(2) the term ‘State’ means each of the several
18 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
19 of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American
20 Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
21 Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or
22 possession of the United States.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3 lowing:

“48. Depiction of animal cruelty.”

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