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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. REQUIREMENT FOR RETIREMENT OF MILITARY**  
4 **WORKING DOGS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2583 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as  
8 subsections (g) and (h), respectively;

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
10 lowing new subsection (f):

1       “(f) RETIREMENT OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS  
2 WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.—(1) Except as provided  
3 in paragraph (2), the retirement of a military working dog  
4 under this section shall occur at a location within the  
5 United States.

6       “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the retirement  
7 of a military working dog abroad if a United States citizen  
8 living abroad adopts the dog at the time of retirement.

9       “(3) Amounts available to the military department  
10 concerned shall be available for the costs of the transport  
11 of military working dogs to the United States for retire-  
12 ment in accordance with the requirement in paragraph  
13 (1).”; and

14               (3) in subsection (g), as redesignated by para-  
15 graph (1)—

16                       (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
17                       by striking “the Secretary of the military de-  
18                       partment concerned” and all that follows  
19                       through “may” and inserting “a military work-  
20                       ing dog is to be retired in accordance with the  
21                       requirement in subsection (f)(1) and no suitable  
22                       adoption is available at the military facility  
23                       where the dog is located at the time of retire-  
24                       ment, the Secretary of the military department  
25                       concerned shall”; and

1                   (B) by inserting “within the United  
2                   States” after “another location”.

3           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment  
5 of this Act, and shall apply to retirements of military  
6 working dogs pursuant to section 2583 of title 10, United  
7 States Code, that occur on or after that date.

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