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S. 388

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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A BILL

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Animal Welfare in Agricultural Research Endeavors Act" or the "AWARE Act".

SEC. 2. ANIMAL WELFARE.

Section 14 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2144) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking ''Any'' and inserting the following:

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), any Federal research facility or any other'';

(2) in the second sentence, by striking ''Any'' and inserting the following:

''(2) ANIMAL EXHIBITION.—Any''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(3) EXCLUSIONS NOT APPLICABLE.—For purposes of the application of standards and other requirements described in paragraph (1) to a Federal research facility or any other department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States having laboratory animal facilities, the exclusions contained in section 2(g)(3) shall not apply.''.

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