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H. R. 4202

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit animal fighting in United States territories.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. YODER, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. BUCHANAN) 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 “Parity in Animal Cru-
5 elty Enforcement Act” or the “PACE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING PROHIBITION ON ANIMAL FIGHTING TO**
7 **THE TERRITORIES.**

8 Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
9 2156) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Except
3 as provided in paragraph (3), it” and inserting
4 “It”; and

5 (B) by striking paragraph (3);

6 (2) by striking subsection (d); and

7 (3) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g),
8 (h), (i), and (j) as subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h),
9 and (i), respectively.

10 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO REDES-**
11 **IGNATED SUBSECTION.**

12 (a) **USE OF POSTAL SERVICE OR OTHER INTER-**
13 **STATE INSTRUMENTALITIES.**—Section 26(c) of the Ani-
14 mal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156(c)) is amended by strik-
15 ing “(e)” and inserting “(d)”.

16 (b) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—Subsection (i) of section
17 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156), as redesi-
18 gnated by section 2(3), is amended by striking “(e)” and
19 inserting “(d)”.

20 (c) **ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-**
21 **TIONS.**—Section 49(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
22 amended by striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)”.

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