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S. 3628

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for purchasing dogs and cats from wet markets in China, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2020

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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. PROHIBITION ON THE PURCHASE OF DOGS**
4 **AND CATS FROM WET MARKETS IN CHINA**
5 **USING FEDERAL FUNDS.**

6 (a) DEFINITION OF WET MARKET.—In this section,
7 the term “wet market” means a marketplace—

8 (1) where fresh meat, fish, and live animals are
9 bought, sold, and slaughtered; and

1 (2) that is not regulated under any standard-
2 ized sanitary or health inspection processes that
3 meet applicable standards required for similar estab-
4 lishments in the United States, as determined by the
5 Secretary of Agriculture.

6 (b) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, no Federal funds made available by any law
8 may be used by the Federal Government, or any recipient
9 of the Federal funds under a contract, grant, subgrant,
10 or other assistance, to purchase from a wet market in
11 China—

12 (1) a live cat, dog, or other animal;

13 (2) a carcass, any part, or any item containing
14 any part of a cat, dog, or other animal; or

15 (3) any other animal product.

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