

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 708

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to limit experimentation on cats.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2019

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-
trition, and Forestry

A BILL

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on cats.

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 “Kittens In Traumatic
5 Testing Ends Now Act of 2019” or the “KITTEN Act
6 of 2019”.

7 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON EXPERIMENTATION ON CATS.**

8 Section 14 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
9 2144) is amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Any de-
2 partment” and inserting the following:

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any department”;

4 (2) in subsection (a) (as so designated), in the
5 second sentence, by striking “Any department” and
6 inserting the following:

7 “(b) EXHIBITING ANIMALS.—Any department”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(c) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXPERIMEN-
10 TATION ON CATS.—Not later than 90 days after the date
11 of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall not
12 purchase, breed, transport, house, feed, maintain, dispose
13 of, or conduct an experiment on a cat as part of any study
14 or research that would subject that cat to a procedure that
15 may cause pain or stress, including pain or stress that
16 may be mitigated by anesthetics, analgesics, or tranquil-
17 izer drugs, unless the pain or stress is a result of a phys-
18 ical exam or training program.”.

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