

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 712

To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to include data on animal abuse in the national clearinghouse for information relating to child abuse and neglect.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Ms. BROWNLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Child and Animal
5 Abuse Detection and Reporting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF DATA ON ANIMAL ABUSE IN NA-**
2 **TIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION**
3 **RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.**

4 Section 103(b)(6) of the Child Abuse Prevention and
5 Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104(b)(6)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (2) in subparagraph (C), by adding “and” at
9 the end; and

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

11 “(D) the incidence of any such cases re-
12 lated to animal abuse (including any act or fail-
13 ure to act, which results in undue pain, suf-
14 fering, or death to any animal, without regard
15 to whether such act or failure to act is a viola-
16 tion of State or local cruelty law);”.

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