

**Amendment offered by Salud Carbajal**

**Amendment description**

The amendment would prohibit commercial greyhound racing, live lure training, open field coursing, simulcast betting or wagering on greyhound races, and trafficking of greyhounds for these purposes.

**AMENDMENT**  
**OFFERED BY Mr. Carbal**

At the end of part I of subtitle A, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROTECTION OF GREYHOUNDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Animal Welfare Act (7  
3 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 30. PROTECTION OF GREYHOUNDS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful—

7 “(1) for any person to knowingly engage in  
8 commercial greyhound racing, live lure training, or  
9 open field coursing events in which any greyhound  
10 is moved in interstate or foreign commerce;

11 “(2) to conduct commercial greyhound racing  
12 or racing meeting where any form of betting or wa-  
13 gering on the speed or ability of greyhounds occurs;

14 “(3) to conduct open field coursing or live lure  
15 training with the use of any bait that is not an inan-  
16 imate object;

17 “(4) to engage in or facilitate simulcast betting  
18 or wagering on greyhound races in interstate or for-  
19 eign commerce; and

1           “(5) for any person to knowingly sell, buy, pos-  
2           sess, train, transport, deliver, or receive any grey-  
3           hound for purposes of having the greyhound partici-  
4           pate in commercial greyhound racing, live lure train-  
5           ing, or open field coursing events.

6           “(b) INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary, or any other  
7           person authorized by the Secretary, shall make such inves-  
8           tigations as the Secretary determines necessary to deter-  
9           mine whether any person has violated or is violating any  
10          provision of this section. The Secretary may obtain the  
11          assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the De-  
12          partment of the Treasury, or other law enforcement agen-  
13          cies of the United States, and State and local govern-  
14          mental agencies, in the conduct of such investigations,  
15          under cooperative agreements with such agencies.

16          “(c) PENALTIES.—Any person who violates any of  
17          paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a) shall be fined  
18          under this Act, imprisoned for not more than 7 years, or  
19          both, for each such violation. Each instance of a violation  
20          of any such paragraph shall be considered a single viola-  
21          tion.

22          “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23                 “(1) COMMERCIAL GREYHOUND RACING.—The  
24                 term ‘commercial greyhound racing’ means any  
25                 event involving the participation of greyhounds in

1       which betting or wagering on the speed or ability of  
2       such greyhounds occurs.

3           “(2) **SIMULCAST.**—The term ‘simulcast’ means  
4       the simultaneous audio or visual transmission from  
5       one location of foreign or domestic greyhound races  
6       taking place at a different location and gambling on  
7       the results of such races.”.

8       **(b) DEFINITION OF ANIMAL.**—Section 2(g) of the  
9       Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2132(g)) is amended by in-  
10      serting “hare,” after “rabbit,”.

11      **(c) APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by this  
12      section shall apply with respect to conduct occurring on  
13      or after October 1, 2027.

14      **(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
15      tion, or the amendments made by this section, shall be  
16      construed—

17           (1) to preempt any State law prohibiting gam-  
18      bling or protecting the welfare of animals, including  
19      greyhounds, jackrabbits, and hares; or

20           (2) to alter, limit, or extend the relationship be-  
21      tween the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 (15  
22      U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) as it relates to horse racing  
23      and other Federal laws in effect on the date of en-  
24      actment of this Act.

