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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BUCHANAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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consumption, and for other purposes.

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 “_____”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SLAUGHTER OF DOGS AND CATS**

6 **FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection

8 (c), no person may—

1 (1) knowingly slaughter a dog or cat for human
2 consumption; or

3 (2) knowingly ship, transport, move, deliver, re-
4 ceive, possess, purchase, sell, or donate—

5 (A) a dog or cat to be slaughtered for
6 human consumption; or

7 (B) a dog or cat part for human consump-
8 tion.

9 (b) SCOPE.—Subsection (a) shall apply only with re-
10 spect to conduct—

11 (1) in interstate commerce or foreign com-
12 merce; or

13 (2) within the special maritime and territorial
14 jurisdiction of the United States.

15 (c) EXCEPTION FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—The prohibi-
16 tion in subsection (a) shall not apply to an Indian (as de-
17 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and
18 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)) carrying out
19 any activity described in subsection (a) for the purpose
20 of a religious ceremony.

21 (d) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
22 (a) shall be subject to a fine in an amount not greater
23 than \$5,000 for each violation.

24 (e) EFFECT ON STATE LAW.—Nothing in this sec-
25 tion—

1 (1) limits any State or local law or regulation
2 protecting the welfare of animals; or

3 (2) prevents a State or unit of local government
4 from adopting and enforcing an animal welfare law
5 or regulation that is more stringent than this sec-
6 tion.