

Included in Senate version of Farm Bill as passed 12/14/07

**SEC. 32\_\_\_. IMPORTATION OF LIVE DOGS.**

(a) *In General.*--The Animal Welfare Act is amended by adding after section 17 (7 U.S.C. 2147) the following:

**SEC. 18. IMPORTATION OF LIVE DOGS.**

(a) *Definitions.*--In this section:

(1) **IMPORTER.**--The term 'importer' means any person who, for purposes of resale, transports into the United States puppies from a foreign country.

(2) **RESALE.**--The term 'resale' includes any transfer of ownership or control of an imported dog of less than 6 months of age to another person, for more than de minimis consideration.

(b) *Requirements.*--

(1) **IN GENERAL.**--Except as provided in paragraph (2), no person shall import a dog into the United States for purposes of resale unless, as determined by the Secretary, the dog--

(A) is in good health;

(B) has received all necessary vaccinations; and

(C) is at least 6 months of age, if imported for resale.

(2) **EXCEPTION.**--The Secretary, by regulation, shall provide an exception to any requirement under paragraph (1) in any case in which a dog is imported for--

(A) research purposes; or

(B) veterinary treatment.

(c) *Implementation and Regulations.*--The Secretary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall promulgate such

regulations as the Secretaries determine to be necessary to implement and enforce this section.

``(d) *Enforcement.*--An importer that fails to comply with this section shall--

``(1) be subject to penalties under section 19; and

``(2) provide for the care (including appropriate veterinary care), forfeiture, and adoption of each applicable dog, at the expense of the importer.".

(b) *Effective Date.*--The amendment made by subsection (a) takes effect on the date of enactment of this Act.