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Sponsor: Rep Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [MD-2] (introduced 5/27/2010)

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111th CONGRESS 2d Session H. R. 5422

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants for the prevention of cruelty to animals to States that have enacted laws prohibiting the devocalization of dogs and cats for purposes of convenience.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 27, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants for the prevention of cruelty to animals to States that have enacted laws prohibiting the devocalization of dogs and cats for purposes of convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ANIMAL CRUELTY PREVENTION GRANTS TO STATES WITH LAWS PROHIBITING DEVOCALIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS.

- (a) Authorization- The Secretary of Agriculture may make grants on a competitive basis for the prevention of cruelty to animals to States that have enacted laws prohibiting the performance of devocalization procedures on dogs and cats for purposes of convenience.
- (b) Eligibility- The Secretary may only award a grant under this section to a State that--

- (1) has enacted a law imposing criminal penalties on any individual who performs a devocalization procedure on a dog or cat for purposes of convenience; and
- (2) submits an application at such time, in such form, and accompanied by such information and assurances as the Secretary may require, including a copy of the law described in paragraph (1).
- (c) Use of Funds-
 - (1) IN GENERAL- A State that receives a grant under this section shall use the grant funds for activities that prevent or promote the prevention of cruelty to animals. Such activities may include--
 - (A) care for animals that are unwanted or have been abused; and
 - (B) public education about--
 - (i) animal abuse and how individuals may prevent such abuse or care for animals that are unwanted or have been abused; and
 - (ii) the effects of performing a devocalization procedure on a dog or cat for purposes of convenience.
 - (2) SUBGRANTS- A State that receives a grant under this section may use grant funds to make grants to entities that agree to use such funds to carry out the activities described in paragraph (1).
- (d) Grant Amount- The Secretary may not award more than \$1,000,000 under this section to a single State.
- (e) Definitions- In this section:
 - (1) DEVOCALIZATION PROCEDURE- The term `devocalization procedure' means a surgical procedure that prevents an animal's larynx from producing sound or reduces the ability of the larynx to produce sound.
 - (2) FOR PURPOSES OF CONVENIENCE- The term `for purposes of convenience' means, with respect to the performance of a devocalization procedure on an animal, that the procedure is not performed primarily for the therapeutic benefit of the animal.
- (f) Authorization of Appropriations- There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$12,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

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PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS -- (House of Representatives - May 27, 2010)

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Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. **BROUN** of Georgia (for himself and Mr. **SHADEGG**):

H.R. 5421. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, repeal the 7.5 percent threshold on the deduction for medical expenses, provide for increased funding for high-risk pools, allow acquiring health insurance across State lines, and allow for the creation of association health plans; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Rules, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. **RUPPERSBERGER**:

H.R. 5422 . A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants for the prevention of cruelty to animals to States that have enacted laws prohibiting the devocalization of dogs and cats for purposes of convenience; to the Committee on Agriculture.