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To prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BRAT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. DONOVAN, and Mr. BLUMENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human
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 “Dog and Cat Meat
5 Trade Prohibition Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SLAUGHTER OF DOGS AND CATS**
7 **FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

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

9 (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.

