

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8527

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to designate animal shelters as essential community facilities eligible for direct loans and grants, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mr. SHREVE (for himself and Mr. FIGURES) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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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 “Rural Animal Shelter  
5       Investment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMAL SHELTERS UNDER THE**  
2 **COMMUNITY FACILITY DIRECT LOAN AND**  
3 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
5 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended by add-  
6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(27) ANIMAL SHELTER CONSIDERED AN ES-  
8 SENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITY.—For the purpose of  
9 the essential community facilities loan and grant  
10 programs under this subsection, an animal shelter  
11 shall be considered an essential community facility.”.

12 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 The amendment made by this Act shall take effect  
14 on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act.

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