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H. R. 730

To define urban rodent control for purposes of clarifying the control of nuisance mammals and birds carried out by the Wildlife Services program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and by the private sector, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Mr. MULVANEY (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HANNA, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Pest Elimination Serv-
5 ices Transparency and Terminology Act” or the “PESTT
6 Act”.

1 SEC. 2. URBAN RODENT CONTROL DEFINED.

2 Title I of the Rural Development, Agriculture, and
 3 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1988 (Public Law
 4 100–202; 101 Stat. 1329–331) is amended in the last pro-
 5 viso under the heading “ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH IN-
 6 SPECTION SERVICE—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” (7 U.S.C.
 7 426c), by striking “Animal Damage Control activities” at
 8 the end and inserting “Animal Damage Control activities,
 9 and the term ‘urban rodent control’ means efforts to di-
 10 rectly control any mammal in the order Rodentia in a loca-
 11 tion that is not an airport or in a rural area (as defined
 12 in section 520 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
 13 1490))”.

14 SEC. 3. REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF WILDLIFE SERVICES
15 PROGRAM OF THE ANIMAL AND PLANT
16 HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE.

17 Not later than October 1, 2013, the Comptroller Gen-
 18 eral of the United States shall submit to the Committee
 19 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the
 20 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the
 21 Senate a report that—

22 (1) identifies activities carried out by the Wild-
 23 life Services program of the Animal and Plant
 24 Health Inspection Service that can be carried out by
 25 entities with appropriate expertise and capacity in
 26 the private sector;

1 (2) prioritizes the activities conducted by the
2 Wildlife Services program that—

3 (A) are vital to the protection of public
4 health and safety and agricultural production;
5 and

6 (B) can be performed by the entities re-
7 ferred to in paragraph (1); and

8 (3) recommends ways, including any necessary
9 changes to Federal statutes, to avoid duplicative
10 work being conducted by the Wildlife Services pro-
11 gram and the private sector.

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