

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4941

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to protect common household pets from harmful confinement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

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

A BILL

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to protect common household pets from harmful confinement.

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 “Keep Our Pets Safe
5 Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON HARMFUL CONFINEMENT OF**
7 **COMMON HOUSEHOLD PETS.**

8 The Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 30. PROHIBITION ON HARMFUL CONFINEMENT OF**
2 **COMMON HOUSEHOLD PETS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
4 son to knowingly confine a common household pet in a
5 motor vehicle or other enclosed space if such confinement
6 could harm or kill such common household pet through—

7 “(1) exposure to excessive heat or cold;

8 “(2) lack of ventilation; or

9 “(3) lack of water.

10 “(b) DEFINITION OF COMMON HOUSEHOLD PET.—

11 In this section, the term ‘common household pet’ means
12 a domesticated animal that is traditionally kept in the
13 home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes,
14 including a dog, cat, bird, rodent, rabbit, fish, or turtle.

15 “(c) PENALTY.—Whoever violates subsection (a)
16 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, impris-
17 oned not more than 1 year, or both, for each violation.”.

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