

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6131

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act with respect to entities that receive Federal funds to assist animals impacted by disasters, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2018

Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mrs. COMSTOCK) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Pet Emergency Trans-
5 parency and Accountability in Disasters Act” or the “PET
6 AID Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECORDS RELATING TO CERTAIN ASSISTANCE FOR**
2 **ANIMALS.**

3 Title VII of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
4 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 707. RECORDS RELATING TO CERTAIN ASSISTANCE**
7 **FOR ANIMALS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A State, Tribal, or local govern-
9 ment, or subgrantee thereof, that receives assistance
10 under this Act shall maintain, and make available to the
11 public upon request, records on activities relating to the
12 intake, care, and disposition of animals funded with such
13 assistance, including—

14 “(1) the total number of animals taken in and
15 cared for using the assistance; and

16 “(2) with respect to each animal taken in and
17 cared for using the assistance—

18 “(A) the species of the animal;

19 “(B) the approximate age of the animal;

20 “(C) the circumstances of the arrival of
21 the animal; and

22 “(D) whether the animal was—

23 “(i) surrendered by its owner (with a
24 description of the reasons for surrender);

25 “(ii) reclaimed by its owner;

26 “(iii) adopted by a new owner;

1 “(iv) euthanized by the entity (with a
2 description of the reasons for euthanasia);

3 “(v) not euthanized by the entity, but
4 died in the care of the entity (with a de-
5 scription of the reasons for the death); and

6 “(vi) transferred, lost, or left the care
7 of the entity for a reason not otherwise de-
8 scribed in clauses (ii) through (v) (with a
9 description of the circumstances surround-
10 ing the ending of care).

11 “(b) RETENTION OF RECORDS.—The State, Tribal,
12 or local government, or subgrantee thereof, shall maintain
13 the records described in subsection (a) for the period that
14 is the longer of—

15 “(1) 3 years after the date of transmission of
16 the final expenditure report for project completion as
17 certified by the grantee; or

18 “(2) the period required by the terms of a grant
19 made under this Act.”.

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