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Committee on Agriculture

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Amendment #: 3

Submitted by Rep. penham

Denham Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Amendment to

H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018

This amendment would amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit people from knowingly slaughtering a dog or cat for human consumption. It also prohibits people from knowingly transporting, possessing, buying, selling, or donating: (1) a dog or cat to be slaughtered for human consumption, or (2) dog or cat parts for human consumption. The amendment subjects a violator to imprisonment for up to a year, a fine, or both.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2
OFFERED BY MR. DENHAM OF CALIFORNIA
[2018 Farm Bill]

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON SLAUGHTER OF DOGS AND**
2 **CATS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

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

5 **“SEC. 30. PROHIBITION OF SLAUGHTER OF DOGS AND CATS**
6 **FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

7 **“(a) PROHIBITION.—**No person may—

8 **“(1) knowingly slaughter a dog or cat for**
9 **human consumption; or**

10 **“(2) knowingly ship, transport, move, deliver,**
11 **receive, possess, purchase, sell, or donate—**

12 **“(A) a dog or cat to be slaughtered for**
13 **human consumption; or**

14 **“(B) dog or cat parts for human consump-**
15 **tion.**

16 **“(b) PENALTY.—**Any person who violates this section
17 shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than 1 year,
18 or a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both.

1 “(c) SCOPE.—Subsection (a) shall apply only with re-
2 spect to conduct in or affecting interstate or foreign com-
3 merce or within the special maritime and territorial juris-
4 diction of the United States.

5 “(d) CONFLICT WITH STATE LAW.—This section
6 shall not be construed to limit any State or local law or
7 regulations protecting the welfare of animals or to prevent
8 a State or local governing body from adopting and enforce-
9 ing animal welfare laws and regulations that are more
10 stringent than this section.”.

