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H. R. 3989

To prohibit public housing agencies from imposing breed restrictions on household pets owned by residents of dwelling units in public housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CROW, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MENG, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIEU, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CARSON, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. BUSH, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. TITUS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Pets Belong With
5 Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON BREED RESTRICTIONS.**

2 Section 31 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
3 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-3) is amended by striking subsection
4 (b) and inserting the following:

5 “(b) REASONABLE REQUIREMENTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The reasonable require-
7 ments referred to in subsection (a) may include—

8 “(A) limitations on the number of animals
9 in a unit, based on unit size;

10 “(B) prohibitions on types of animals that
11 are classified as dangerous, provided that classi-
12 fication is based on specific behaviors or actions
13 by the animal and is not based on the breed of
14 the animal; and

15 “(C) restrictions or prohibitions based on
16 size and type of building or project, or other
17 relevant conditions.

18 “(2) LIMITATION.—The reasonable require-
19 ments referred to in subsection (a) may not include
20 prohibitions on breeds of animals.”.

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