

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3780

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to limit experimentation on cats.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19, 2018

Mr. MERKLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## 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 “Kittens In Traumatic  
5 Testing Ends Now Act of 2018” or the “KITTEN Act  
6 of 2018”.

7 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON EXPERIMENTATION ON CATS.**

8 Section 14 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.  
9 2144) is amended—

10 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Any de-  
11 partment” and inserting the following:

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any department”;

2 (2) in subsection (a) (as so designated), in the  
3 second sentence, by striking “Any department” and  
4 inserting the following:

5 “(b) EXHIBITING ANIMALS.—Any department”; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(c) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXPERIMEN-  
8 TATION ON CATS.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
9 of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall not  
10 purchase, breed, transport, house, feed, maintain, dispose  
11 of, or conduct an experiment on a cat as part of any study  
12 or research that would subject that cat to a procedure that  
13 may cause pain or stress, including pain or stress that  
14 may be mitigated by anesthetics, analgesics, or tranquil-  
15 izer drugs, unless the pain or stress is a result of a phys-  
16 ical exam or training program.”.

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