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H. R. 696

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane living conditions for calves raised for the production of veal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

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

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. HUMANE LIVING CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR**

4 **VEAL CALVES.**

5 The Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating section 29 (7 U.S.C. 2159)

8 as section 30; and

9 (2) by inserting after section 28 (7 U.S.C.

10 2158) the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 29. PROTECTION OF VEAL CALVES.**

2 “(a) **HUMANE LIVING CONDITIONS REQUIRED.**—Be-
3 ginning one year after the date of the enactment of this
4 section, no person shall raise a calf for the production of
5 veal unless the person complies with the following require-
6 ments:

7 “(1) The calf must be free to turn around with-
8 out difficulty, lie with its legs outstretched, and
9 groom itself, without any impediment such as too
10 small an enclosure or chaining or tethering.

11 “(2) The calf must be fed a daily diet contain-
12 ing sufficient iron and, if the calf is more than 14
13 days old, sufficient digestible fiber to prevent anemia
14 and to sustain full health.

15 “(b) **PENALTIES.**—The remedies and procedures pro-
16 vided in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 19 shall
17 apply with respect to a violation of subsection (a).

18 “(c) **INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS.**—For pur-
19 poses of enforcement of this section, the Secretary may
20 make such investigations or inspections as the Secretary
21 considers necessary of any facility where calves are kept
22 for the production of veal. Section 16 shall apply with re-
23 spect to investigations and inspections conducted under
24 this section.”.

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