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H. R. 3136

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to issue guidelines relating to civil fines imposed for violations of the Animal Welfare Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2015

Mr. BLUM (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. BENISHEK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Enforcement Trans-
5 parency Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO ISSUE GUIDELINES RELATING**
7 **TO FINES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-

1 culture shall publish on the public Internet Web site of
2 the Department of Agriculture guidelines relating to the
3 calculation of civil fines under section 19 of the Animal
4 Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2149) for violations of such Act
5 (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.).

6 (b) UPDATES.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

7 (1) update the guidelines published under para-
8 graph (1) on a quarterly basis;

9 (2) not later than 10 days before making such
10 updates, publish a notice on the public Internet Web
11 site of the Department of Agriculture of such up-
12 dates; and

13 (3) publish such updates in the Federal Reg-
14 ister.

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