

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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OFFERED BY MR. GOSAR OF ARIZONA

Page 523, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 76 ____ . LIMITATION ON CERTAIN RESEARCH INVOLV-**
2 **ING DOGS AND CATS.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION ON REE RESEARCH PORTFOLIO.—**

4 The Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for
5 Research, Education, and Economics, shall ensure that
6 none of the research, education, or extension activities car-
7 ried out or funded under the jurisdiction of the Research,
8 Education, and Economics mission area involve domestic
9 dogs (*Canis familiaris*) or domestic cats (*Felis catus*) in
10 which the animals are subjected to pain or distress that
11 is not alleviated with appropriate sedation, analgesia, or
12 anesthesia, consistent with pain categories established by
13 the Secretary pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act (7
14 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) and described in paragraphs (5)
15 through (7) of section 2.36(b) of title 9, Code of Federal
16 Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this
17 Act).

18 (b) **EXCEPTION.—**Subsection (a) shall not apply to
19 research related to the training and use of dogs for the

1 purpose of safeguarding domestic agricultural and natural
2 resources from foreign and invasive pests and diseases, in-
3 cluding activities authorized under the Beagle Brigade Act
4 of 2023 (Public Law 118–191).

5 (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Under Secretary for
6 Research, Education, and Economics, and the Under Sec-
7 retary alone, may waive the prohibition under subsection
8 (a) on a case-by-case basis if the Under Secretary deter-
9 mines that—

10 (1) the research is necessary to protect national
11 security, animal and crop health, or public health,
12 safety, or welfare; and

13 (2) no reasonable alternative methods exist that
14 would achieve the same scientific objective without
15 the use of procedures described in subsection (a).

16 (d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later than
17 30 days before granting a waiver under subsection (c), the
18 Under Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agri-
19 culture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
20 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-
21 ate a written notification that includes—

22 (1) a detailed justification for the waiver, in-
23 cluding the specific national security or public health
24 need;

1 (2) a description of the research to be con-
2 ducted, including the number and species of animals
3 involved;

4 (3) the projected cost to taxpayers;

5 (4) an explanation of why alternatives are not
6 feasible; and

7 (5) the expected duration of the waiver.

