

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4205

To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a working group relating to best practices and Federal guidance for animals in emergencies and disasters, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Planning for Animal
5 Wellness Act” or the “PAW Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WORKING GROUP GUIDELINES.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
9 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal
10 Emergency Management Agency.

1 (2) WORKING GROUP.—The term “working
2 group” means the advisory working group estab-
3 lished under subsection (b).

4 (b) WORKING GROUP.—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
6 establish an advisory working group.

7 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The working group shall consist
8 of—

9 (1) not less than 2 representatives of State gov-
10 ernments with experience in animal emergency man-
11 agement;

12 (2) not less than 2 representatives of local gov-
13 ernments with experience in animal emergency man-
14 agement;

15 (3) not less than 2 representatives from aca-
16 demia;

17 (4) not less than 2 veterinary experts;

18 (5) not less than 2 representatives from non-
19 profit organizations working to address the needs of
20 households pets and service animals in emergencies
21 or disasters;

22 (6) representatives from the Federal Animal
23 Emergency Management Working Group; and

24 (7) any other members determined necessary by
25 the Administrator.

1 (d) DUTIES.—The working group shall—

2 (1) encourage and foster collaborative efforts
3 among individuals and entities working to address
4 the needs of household pets, service and assistance
5 animals, and captive animals, as appropriate, in
6 emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and
7 recovery; and

8 (2) review best practices and Federal guidance,
9 as of the date of enactment of this Act, on con-
10 gregate and noncongregate sheltering and evacuation
11 planning relating to the needs of household pets,
12 service and assistance animals, and captive animals,
13 as appropriate, in emergency and disaster prepared-
14 ness, response, and recovery.

15 (e) NO COMPENSATION.—The members of the work-
16 ing group shall serve on the working group on a voluntary
17 basis.

18 (f) GUIDANCE DETERMINATION.—Not later than 1
19 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the working
20 group shall determine whether the best practices and Fed-
21 eral guidance described in subsection (d)(2) are sufficient.

22 (g) NEW GUIDANCE.—Not later than 540 days after
23 the date of enactment of this Act, if the Administrator,
24 in consultation with the working group, determines that
25 the best practices and Federal guidance described in para-

1 graph subsection (d)(2) are insufficient, the Adminis-
2 trator, in consultation with the working group, shall pub-
3 lish updated Federal guidance.

4 (h) SUNSET.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
6 the working group shall terminate on the date that
7 is 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

8 (2) EXTENSION.—The Administrator may ex-
9 tend the date described in paragraph (1) if the Ad-
10 ministrator determines an extension is appropriate.