

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4180

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2021

Mr. LIEU 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keeping Pets and
5 Families Together Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO SUPPORT MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS**
2 **AND CATS.**

3 Section 28 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
4 2158) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting
5 the following:

6 “(d) GRANTS TO SUPPORT MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS
7 AND CATS.—The Secretary shall establish a program
8 under which the Secretary will award grants to entities
9 described in subsection (a)(2) for purposes of supporting
10 the capability of such entities to provide for microchipping
11 of dogs and cats in their care before allowing such dogs
12 or cats to be recovered by their original owner, adopted
13 by other individuals, or sold to a dealer.

14 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate
15 regulations to carry out this section. Not later than 180
16 days after the date of the enactment of subsection (d),
17 the Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out
18 such subsection.”.

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