

1 **“SEC. 18. IMPORTATION OF LIVE DOGS.**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) IMPORTER.—The term ‘importer’ means
4 any person who, for purposes of resale, transports
5 into the United States puppies from a foreign coun-
6 try.

7 “(2) RESALE.—The term ‘resale’ includes any
8 transfer of ownership or control of an imported dog
9 of less than 6 months of age to another person, for
10 more than de minimis consideration.

11 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), no person shall import a dog into the
14 United States for purposes of resale unless, as deter-
15 mined by the Secretary, the dog—

16 “(A) is in good health;

17 “(B) has received all necessary vaccina-
18 tions; and

19 “(C) is at least 6 months of age, if im-
20 ported for resale.

21 “(2) EXCEPTION.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, by reg-
23 ulation, shall provide an exception to any re-
24 quirement under paragraph (1) in any case in
25 which a dog is imported for—

26 “(i) research purposes; or

1 “(ii) veterinary treatment.

2 “(B) LAWFUL IMPORTATION INTO HA-
3 WAII.—Paragraph (1)(C) shall not apply to the
4 lawful importation of a dog into the State of
5 Hawaii from the British Isles, Australia, Guam,
6 or New Zealand in compliance with the applica-
7 ble regulations of the State of Hawaii and the
8 other requirements of this section, if the dog is
9 not transported out of the State of Hawaii for
10 purposes of resale at less than 6 months of age.

11 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION AND REGULATIONS.—The
12 Secretary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
13 the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Home-
14 land Security shall promulgate such regulations as the
15 Secretaries determine to be necessary to implement and
16 enforce this section.

17 “(d) ENFORCEMENT.—An importer that fails to com-
18 ply with this section shall—

19 “(1) be subject to penalties under section 19;
20 and

21 “(2) provide for the care (including appropriate
22 veterinary care), forfeiture, and adoption of each ap-
23 plicable dog, at the expense of the importer.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) takes effect on the date of the enactment
3 of this Act.

4 **SEC. 14211. PERMANENT DEBARMENT FROM PARTICIPA-**
5 **TION IN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
6 **PROGRAMS FOR FRAUD.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
8 retary of Agriculture shall permanently debar an indi-
9 vidual, organization, corporation, or other entity convicted
10 of a felony for knowingly defrauding the United States
11 in connection with any program administered by the De-
12 partment of Agriculture from any subsequent participa-
13 tion in Department of Agriculture programs.

14 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—

15 (1) SECRETARY DETERMINATION.—The Sec-
16 retary may reduce a debarment under subsection (a)
17 to a period of not less than 10 years if the Secretary
18 considers it appropriate.

19 (2) FOOD ASSISTANCE.—A debarment under
20 subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to partici-
21 pation in domestic food assistance programs (as de-
22 fined by the Secretary).