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(Original Signature of Member)

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to prohibit the force feeding of ducks and geese.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. ESCOBAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to prohibit the force feeding of ducks and geese.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Ducks and Geese Protection Act''.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FORCE FEEDING OF DUCKS AND GEESE.

The Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 32. PROHIBITION ON FORCE FEEDING OF DUCKS AND GEESE.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for an individual to knowingly force feed a duck or goose for the purpose of producing foie gras.

''(b) CIVIL PENALTY.—An individual who violates subsection (a) shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $14,000 per violation.

''(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'force feed' means, with respect to a duck or goose, causing the duck or goose to consume more food than a typical duck or goose of the same species would consume voluntarily, including by delivering feed through a tube or other device inserted into the esophagus of the duck or goose.''.