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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Border-Crossing and
3 Re-entry for K9s Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPORTATION OF LIVE DOGS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
7 and Human Services, acting through the Director of the
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (in this sec-
9 tion referred to as the “Secretary”) shall revise part 71
10 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, so that an im-
11 porter shall be allowed to import a dog into the United
12 States, through any port of entry, without rabies vaccina-
13 tion documentation or a CDC dog import form (as defined
14 in part 71.51(a) of such title 42) if—

15 (1) the dog has not been in a country at high
16 risk (as defined by the Secretary) for dog-main-
17 tained rabies virus variant—

18 (A) in the case that of a dog that is older
19 than 6 months of age, for a period that equals
20 or exceeds 180 days prior to the date on which
21 the importer seeks to import the dog; or

22 (B) in the case of a dog that is not older
23 than 6 months of age, for the period beginning
24 on the date of birth of the dog and ending on
25 the date on which the importer seeks to import
26 such dog; and

1 (2) the importer provides written or verbal con-
2 firmation that the dog meets the requirements of
3 subparagraph (A).

4 (b) IMPORTER.—In this Act, the term “importer”
5 means any person who transports or causes the transpor-
6 tation of a dog into the United States from a foreign coun-
7 try.