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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSKAM (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. YODER, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Parity in Animal Cru-
elty Enforcement Act” or the “PACE Act”.

SEC. 2. EXTENDING PROHIBITION ON ANIMAL FIGHTING TO THE TERRITORIES.

Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Except as provided in paragraph (3), it” and inserting “It”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(2) by striking subsection (d); and

(3) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) as subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), respectively.

SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO REDESIGNATED SUBSECTION.

(a) USE OF POSTAL SERVICE OR OTHER INTERSTATE INSTRUMENTALITIES.—Section 26(c) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156(c)) is amended by striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)”.

(b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Subsection (i) of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156), as redesignated by section 2(3), is amended by striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)”.

(c) ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBITIONS.—Section 49(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)”.

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