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H. R. 3683

To establish an Animal Cruelty Crimes Taskforce within the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “FBI Animal Cruelty
5 Taskforce Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANIMAL CRUELTY CRIMES TASKFORCE OF THE**
7 **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an Ani-
9 mal Cruelty Crimes Taskforce (hereinafter referred to as
10 the “Taskforce”) within the Federal Bureau of Investiga-

1 tion to investigate and enforce Federal laws prohibiting
2 animal cruelty under the jurisdiction of the Department
3 of Justice, including cases relating to dogfighting, cock-
4 fighting, crush videos, and similar conduct.

5 (b) TRAINING MATERIALS.—The Taskforce shall
6 produce training materials for local law enforcement on
7 the investigation and detection of criminal offenses de-
8 scribed in subsection (a).

9 (c) COORDINATION.—The Taskforce shall coordinate
10 with the Department of Agriculture, the Office of Inspec-
11 tor General of the Department of Agriculture, the Federal
12 Bureau of Investigation, the United States Marshals Serv-
13 ice, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and other agen-
14 cies, as appropriate.

15 (d) REPORT.—On the date that is one year after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
17 the Taskforce shall submit to Congress a report on, for
18 the previous year—

19 (1) the number of charges that were filed for
20 violations of laws described in subsection (a),
21 disaggregated by the law alleged to have been vio-
22 lated, the State in which the violation was alleged to
23 have occurred, and the number of convictions; and

1 (2) the number of investigations of violations of
2 laws described in subsection (a) for which charges
3 were not filed.

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