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H. R. 4057

[Report No. 119-312]

To establish a pilot program on home kenneling of canines for U.S. Customs and Border Protections Office of Field Operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2025

Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mrs. McIVER, and Mr. LUTTRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. POU, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “CBP Canine Home
5 Kenneling Pilot Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON CANINE HOME KENNELING**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Executive Assistant
10 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s
11 (CBP) Office of Field Operations (OFO) shall establish
12 a canine home kenneling pilot program (in this section re-
13 ferred to as the “pilot program”) to assess whether canine
14 home kenneling would benefit the OFO, including both ca-
15 nine handlers and canines.

16 (b) GUIDANCE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to establishing the
18 pilot program, the Executive Assistant Commis-
19 sioner shall distribute written guidance for Field Of-
20 fices of OFO to use while implementing the pilot
21 program.

22 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the guid-
23 ance referred to in paragraph (1), the Executive As-
24 sistant Commissioner shall consult with the following
25 entities:

1 (A) Components of the Department of
2 Homeland Security that utilize home kenneling.

3 (B) The Office of Health Security of the
4 Department of Homeland Security.

5 (C) Representatives of the National Treas-
6 ury Employees Union.

7 (c) TRAINING.—Prior to establishing the pilot pro-
8 gram, the Executive Assistant Commissioner shall carry
9 out the following:

10 (1) Establish training for canine handlers par-
11 ticipating in the pilot program to take full responsi-
12 bility of a canine's daily care, including feeding, ex-
13 ercise, and medical needs.

14 (2) Disseminate best practices for the integra-
15 tion of a working canine into the canine handler's
16 residence.

17 (d) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot pro-
18 gram, the Executive Assistant Commissioner shall carry
19 out the following:

20 (1) Ensure that not fewer than ten ports of
21 entry participate in the pilot program.

22 (2) Ensure that canines assigned to seaports,
23 airports, and land ports of entry in both urban and
24 rural locations participate in the pilot program.

1 (3) Provide for the participation of canine han-
2 dlers on a voluntary basis.

3 (4) Continue the pilot program for a period of
4 not less than two years.

5 (5) Terminate the pilot program not more than
6 three years after the establishment of the pilot pro-
7 gram.

8 (e) BRIEFING AND REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

9 (1) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Executive
11 Assistant Commissioner shall provide to the appro-
12 priate congressional committees a briefing describing
13 the guidance, training, and requirements for the
14 pilot program.

15 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
16 the termination of the pilot program, the Executive
17 Assistant Commissioner shall submit to the appro-
18 priate congressional committees a report that in-
19 cludes the following:

20 (A) Information relating to the number
21 and location of participating canine teams.

22 (B) Findings of the pilot program, includ-
23 ing a cost-benefit, job performance, health, and
24 wellbeing analysis comparing use of home
25 kenneling with centralized kenneling practices.

1 (C) Recommendations regarding the con-
2 tinued use of home kenneling for CBP Office of
3 Field Operations.

4 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
6 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees” means—

8 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
9 in the House of Representatives; and

10 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
11 and Governmental Affairs in the Senate.

12 (2) HOME KENNELING.—The term “home
13 kenneling” means the practice whereby canines used
14 for Federal law enforcement purposes are housed
15 and cared for at the residences of their assigned
16 handlers instead of a centralized facility owned or
17 contracted by a Federal agency.

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