

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8527

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to designate animal shelters as essential community facilities eligible for direct loans and grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mr. SHREVE (for himself and Mr. FIGURES) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Rural Animal Shelter
5 Investment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMAL SHELTERS UNDER THE**
2 **COMMUNITY FACILITY DIRECT LOAN AND**
3 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
5 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(27) ANIMAL SHELTER CONSIDERED AN ES-
8 SENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITY.—For the purpose of
9 the essential community facilities loan and grant
10 programs under this subsection, an animal shelter
11 shall be considered an essential community facility.”.

12 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 The amendment made by this Act shall take effect
14 on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
15 ment of this Act.

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