

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7018

To prohibit the sale and use of glue traps for the trapping of rodents,  
and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2024

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

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## A BILL

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of rodents, and for other purposes.

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 “Glue Trap Prohibition  
5 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) A glue trap, also known as a glue board or  
9 sticky board, is comprised of a layer of cardboard,  
10 plastic, or wood coated with a non-drying adhesive

1 or a shallow tray of the adhesive. These traps, used  
2 by homeowners, food processors, and pest manage-  
3 ment companies to control rodent populations, work  
4 by ensnaring rodents or other small animals as they  
5 cross the device by having their feet and bodies stick  
6 to the adhesive. Unable to free themselves, especially  
7 as more parts of their bodies become stuck to the  
8 trap, the victims typically die from starvation, dehy-  
9 dration, or suffocation after several days. The proc-  
10 ess is extremely cruel and painful, and it subjects  
11 animals, whether the intended target or not, to a  
12 slow and inhumane death.

13 (2) Glue traps may also trap or maim non-tar-  
14 get wildlife, including protected species, and house-  
15 hold pets who may subsequently require veterinary  
16 assistance and examination.

17 (3) The United States Centers for Disease Con-  
18 trol and Prevention has cautioned against the use of  
19 glue traps, as trapped animals produce urine and  
20 feces that may harmfully affect human health.

21 (4) Countries, cities, agencies, and businesses  
22 around the world have increasingly taken steps to  
23 limit or ban the sale or use of glue traps over animal  
24 welfare, health, and humane concerns.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO GLUE TRAPS.**

2 (a) PROHIBITION ON SALE OR DISTRIBUTION.—Sec-  
3 tion 12(a)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and  
4 Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136j(a)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “or”;

6 (2) in subparagraph (F), by striking the period  
7 and inserting “; or”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(G) any covered glue trap.”.

10 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE.—Section 12(a)(2) of such  
11 Act (7 U.S.C. 136j(a)(2)) is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (R), by striking “or”;

13 (2) in subparagraph (S), by striking the period  
14 and inserting “; or”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(T) to use a covered glue trap to trap any  
17 rodent.”.

18 (c) COVERED GLUE TRAP DEFINED.—Section 2 of  
19 such Act (7 U.S.C. 136) is amended by adding at the end  
20 the following:

21 “(pp) COVERED GLUE TRAP.—The term ‘covered  
22 glue trap’ means any device containing a non-drying adhe-  
23 sive designed to cause the death of a rodent through star-  
24 vation, dehydration, or suffocation by trapping the rodent

- 1 with the adhesive and rendering the rodent incapable of
- 2 freeing itself from the adhesive.”.

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