

SENATE BILL 675

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2018**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain research facilities using dogs or cats for certain
4 scientific research purposes to take certain steps to provide for the adoption of a
5 certain dog or cat under certain circumstances; authorizing certain research facilities
6 to enter into certain agreements with certain animal rescue organizations for certain
7 purposes; requiring certain research facilities to submit certain information to the
8 Secretary of Agriculture beginning on a certain date and each year thereafter;
9 prohibiting, for the purposes of this Act, a research facility or an animal rescue
10 organization from disclosing certain information; defining certain terms; providing
11 for the application of this Act; and generally relating to research facilities that use
12 dogs or cats.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Agriculture

15 Section 15–101 to be under the new title “Title 15. Research Facilities That Use Dogs
16 or Cats”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Agriculture**

22 **TITLE 15. RESEARCH FACILITIES THAT USE DOGS OR CATS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **15-101.**

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
3 INDICATED.

4 (2) "ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION" INCLUDES:

5 (I) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED FOR THE
6 PURPOSE OF RESCUING ANIMALS IN NEED AND FINDING PERMANENT ADOPTIVE
7 HOMES FOR THE ANIMALS; AND

8 (II) A GOVERNMENT-OPERATED ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT THAT
9 PROVIDES ANIMALS FOR ADOPTION.

10 (3) "RESEARCH FACILITY" INCLUDES:

11 (I) A HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH FACILITY;

12 (II) A SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FACILITY;

13 (III) A MEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY; AND

14 (IV) A PRODUCT TESTING FACILITY.

15 (4) "SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PURPOSES" INCLUDES:

16 (I) INVESTIGATION;

17 (II) EXPERIMENTATION;

18 (III) INSTRUCTION; AND

19 (IV) TESTING.

20 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A DOG OR CAT THAT, IN THE DETERMINATION
21 OF AN ATTENDING VETERINARIAN, IS SUITABLE FOR ADOPTION.

22 (C) A RESEARCH FACILITY LOCATED IN THE STATE IN WHICH DOGS OR CATS
23 ARE USED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PURPOSES SHALL TAKE REASONABLE STEPS
24 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A DOG OR CAT THAT, IN THE DETERMINATION
25 OF THE RESEARCH FACILITY, IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
26 PURPOSES BY:

27 (1) ESTABLISHING A LIST OF ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS THAT
28 ARE APPROVED BY THE RESEARCH FACILITY AND ARE WILLING TO TAKE A DOG OR

1 CAT FROM THE RESEARCH FACILITY; AND

2 (2) OFFERING THE DOG OR CAT TO THE ANIMAL RESCUE
3 ORGANIZATIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE LIST ESTABLISHED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS
4 SUBSECTION.

5 (D) A RESEARCH FACILITY MAY ENTER INTO A COLLABORATIVE
6 AGREEMENT WITH AN ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
7 CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

8 (E) BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2019, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A
9 RESEARCH FACILITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY THE FOLLOWING
10 INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD:

11 (1) THE NUMBER OF DOGS OR CATS OWNED BY THE RESEARCH
12 FACILITY;

13 (2) THE NUMBER OF DOGS OR CATS USED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
14 PURPOSES BY THE RESEARCH FACILITY;

15 (3) THE NUMBER OF DOGS OR CATS RELEASED TO AN ANIMAL RESCUE
16 ORGANIZATION;

17 (4) THE NAME OF THE ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH A
18 DOG OR CAT WAS RELEASED; AND

19 (5) THE LIST OF ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS ESTABLISHED BY
20 THE RESEARCH FACILITY UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (F) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A RESEARCH FACILITY OR AN
22 ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING
23 INFORMATION:

24 (1) THE NAME OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ADOPTS A DOG OR CAT; AND

25 (2) THE NAME OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE
26 RESEARCH FACILITY.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2018.