

HOUSE BILL 594

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2016**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the period of time for which dogs or cats may be used in certain
4 research facilities for certain scientific research purposes; requiring certain research
5 facilities using dogs or cats for certain scientific research purposes to take certain
6 steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat under certain circumstances;
7 authorizing certain research facilities to enter into certain agreements with certain
8 animal rescue organizations for certain purposes; defining certain terms; and
9 generally relating to regulation of research facilities that use dogs or cats.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Agriculture

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

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Agriculture**

19 **TITLE 15. REGULATION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES THAT USE DOGS OR CATS.**

20 **15–101.**

21 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
22 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION” INCLUDES:**

2 **(I) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED FOR THE**
3 **PURPOSE OF RESCUING ANIMALS IN NEED AND FINDING PERMANENT, ADOPTIVE**
4 **HOMES FOR THE ANIMALS; AND**

5 **(II) A GOVERNMENT-OPERATED ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT THAT**
6 **PROVIDES ANIMALS FOR ADOPTION.**

7 **(3) “RESEARCH FACILITY” INCLUDES:**

8 **(I) A HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH FACILITY;**

9 **(II) A SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FACILITY;**

10 **(III) A MEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY; AND**

11 **(IV) A PRODUCT TESTING FACILITY.**

12 **(4) “SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PURPOSES” INCLUDES:**

13 **(I) INVESTIGATION;**

14 **(II) EXPERIMENTATION;**

15 **(III) INSTRUCTION; AND**

16 **(IV) TESTING.**

17 **(B) A RESEARCH FACILITY LOCATED IN THE STATE MAY NOT USE A DOG OR**
18 **CAT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PURPOSES FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS.**

19 **(C) A RESEARCH FACILITY LOCATED IN THE STATE IN WHICH DOGS OR CATS**
20 **ARE USED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PURPOSES SHALL TAKE REASONABLE STEPS**
21 **TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A DOG OR CAT THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR**
22 **SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PURPOSES BY:**

23 **(1) ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL RESCUE DATABASE IDENTIFYING**
24 **ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WILLING TO TAKE A DOG OR CAT FROM**
25 **THE RESEARCH FACILITY; AND**

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

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

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2016.