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Support SB729

Public Health - Prohibition on Cosmetics Testing on Animals

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Why SB729 is Needed

- Between 100,000 and 200,000 animals die each year in the US due to cosmetic testing
- Cosmetic testing is cruel and painful for the animals
- There are many alternatives available that give scientific results that are at least as good as animal testing

What SB729 Does

- Protects animals from senseless pain and suffering via a ban on cosmetic testing in Maryland along with a ban on sales of cosmetics that have ingredients that were tested on animals
- Allows exceptions for testing that require use of animals because of Federal, other State or foreign laws
- Allows continued sale of cosmetics that may have ingredients tested on animals for which tests were done before the ban
- Creates civil penalties for the ban of up to \$5,000 per violation and a maximum of \$1,000 per day of continued violation

Current Animal Testing Laws

- Neither Federal nor Maryland laws directly address animal testing for cosmetics
- Other states -- CA, VA, NV, and IL -- have banned animal testing
- Three states -- HA, NY, and NJ -- are considering similar bans
- Several countries have also banned such testing (e.g., New Zealand, Israel, India, Britain, Switzerland, Guatemala, and others)
- China requires animal testing