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Support SB 282
Public Health - Prohibition on Cosmetics Testing on Animals

Senator Clarence Lam

Why SB 282 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 SB 282 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
- Allows the use of ingredients in cosmetics that were previously tested for non-cosmetic purposes (such as medical purposes)
- Creates civil penalties for the ban of up to \$5,000 per violation and a maximum of \$1000 per day of continued violation

Current Animal Testing Laws

- Neither Federal nor Maryland laws directly address animal testing for cosmetics
- Congress has considered federal legislation (Humane Cosmetics Act) that would substantially restrict the use of animal testing for cosmetics. In the House, five Maryland

representatives co-sponsored the Act, and in the Senate, one Maryland senator co-sponsored the Act.

- Other states (CA, NV, IL) have banned animal testing or have mandated the use of alternatives to animal testing (CA, NY, NJ, VA)
- Bills (sales) have been introduced and debated in HI, NY, VA
- Industry leaders, including CoverGirl, The Body Shop, and Lush, have voluntarily pledged to not use animal testing for their products
- Several countries have also banned such testing (e.g., New Zealand, Israel, India, Britain, Switzerland, Guatemala, and others)
- China requires animal testing