



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5707**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES THAT CONDUCT RESEARCH USING CATS OR DOGS TO OFFER SUCH CATS OR DOGS TO ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO EUTHANIZING ANY SUCH CAT OR DOG.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section, "animal adoption or animal rescue organization" means any  
3 collaboration of individuals or any nonprofit organization that is  
4 exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
5 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal  
6 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time that  
7 has, as part of such collaboration's or organization's purposes, the sale  
8 or placement of animals that were removed from animal shelters,  
9 municipal dog pounds or an individual's home.

10 (b) Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education,  
11 each public institution of higher education and each independent  
12 institution of higher education shall offer for adoption by an animal  
13 adoption or animal rescue organization any cat or dog that such  
14 constituent unit or institution of higher education possesses for the  
15 purpose of conducting research or testing provided such offer occurs  
16 after the completion of any such research or testing, such research or  
17 testing does not require the destruction of such cat or dog and such

18 animal is no longer needed by such constituent unit or institution of  
19 higher education. Any constituent unit of higher education or  
20 institution of higher education that is required to offer a cat or dog for  
21 adoption pursuant to this section may enter into an agreement with an  
22 animal adoption or animal rescue organization for the purpose of  
23 complying with the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*