

Testimony in favor of Bill 5707
Environment Committee, 3/20/15
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I would like to express my strong support of Bill 5707, **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 AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER SHELTERING OF DOGS.**

My husband and I were shocked to learn that there is currently no law to see to the protection of animals used in research after they are no longer needed. These poor animals deserve the chance to end their lives in a happy home, and we are responsible for seeing that that happens. We have known several people who have left jobs in this research because they could not stand the suffering of these animals any longer, so we can not delude ourselves as to their conditions while in research.

We have also tried to intervene before on behalf of dogs who were not given proper shelter, so we know from experience that animal shelter and rescue groups need to have the verbiage in place to be able to legally step in and compel owners to properly care for their dogs. No one who loves animal should be forced to have to ignore cruelty or face breaking the law to help.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation. It is truly needed.

Thank you,

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