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**SENATE BILL 24-067**

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**Senate Committees**  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR FACILITIES THAT USE TEST SUBJECTS IN**  
102 **HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires a facility that uses animals for health-related research to:

- Submit annual reports to the department of public health and environment regarding the use of animals in the facility; and
- Transfer dogs and cats owned by the facility to animal

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

shelters and pet animal rescues before euthanizing the animal.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 5.7 to title 25 as follows:

**ARTICLE 5.7**

**Animals in Health-related Research Facilities**

**25-5.7-101. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 5.7, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "ALTERNATIVE TEST METHOD OR STRATEGY" MEANS A TEST METHOD, INCLUDING A NEW OR REVISED METHOD, THAT DOES NOT USE ANIMALS.

(2) "ANIMAL" MEANS A LIVE VERTEBRATE, NONHUMAN ANIMAL.

(3) "ANIMAL SHELTER" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 35-80-102 (1).

(4) "CAT" MEANS A SMALL, DOMESTICATED, CARNIVOROUS MAMMAL THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY FELIDAE, ORDER CARNIVORA.

(5) "CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE" MEANS ANY ORGANIC OR INORGANIC SUBSTANCE, INCLUDING:

(a) A DRUG, AS DEFINED IN 21 U.S.C. SEC. 321 (g)(1);

(b) A PESTICIDE, AS DEFINED IN 7 U.S.C. SEC. 136 (u);

(c) A CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE, AS DEFINED IN 15 U.S.C. SEC. 2602 (2); AND

(d) A FOOD ADDITIVE, AS DEFINED IN 21 U.S.C. SEC. 321 (s).

(6) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

(7) "DOG" MEANS ANY MEMBER OF THE SPECIES CANIS FAMILIARIS.

1 (8) (a) "HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH" MEANS RESEARCH:

2 (I) RELATED TO THE CAUSES, PROGRESSION, DIAGNOSIS,  
3 TREATMENT, CONTROL, OR PREVENTION OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL  
4 DISEASES AND IMPAIRMENTS OR CHRONIC CONDITIONS OF HUMANS OR  
5 ANIMALS;

6 (II) RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIOMEDICAL PRODUCTS OR  
7 DEVICES, AS DEFINED IN 21 U.S.C. SEC. 321 (h); OR

8 (III) TO TEST THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES,  
9 INGREDIENTS, MEDICAL DEVICES, VACCINES, PRODUCTS, OR PRODUCT  
10 FORMULATIONS.

11 (b) "HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH" DOES NOT INCLUDE RESEARCH  
12 RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF DRUGS, AS DEFINED IN 21 U.S.C. SEC.  
13 321 (g)(1).

14 (9) (a) "HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY" MEANS AN ENTITY  
15 THAT USES ANIMALS FOR HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH.

16 (b) "HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
17 AN ENTITY THAT PROVIDES BENEFICIAL SERVICE TO AN ANIMAL, SUCH AS  
18 SPAYING OR NEUTERING.

19 (10) "PET ANIMAL RESCUE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
20 SECTION 35-80-102 (11.2).

21 (11) "WAIVER" MEANS GUIDANCE ISSUED BY A FEDERAL AGENCY  
22 OR A PROGRAM WITHIN A FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATING  
23 A SPECIFIC PRODUCT BEING STUDIED THAT ALLOWS A HEALTH-RELATED  
24 RESEARCH FACILITY TO FOREGO THE USE OF AN ANIMAL TEST.

25 **25-5.7-102. Health-related research facilities - use of animals**  
26 **- mandatory reporting.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR,  
27 A HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE

1 DEPARTMENT, ON A FORM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE  
2 FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR:

3 (a) THE SPECIES OF ANIMALS USED OR KEPT BY THE  
4 HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY;

5 (b) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS PER SPECIES IN EACH OF THE  
6 FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF PAIN OR DISTRESS:

7 (I) ANIMALS UPON WHICH HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH WAS  
8 CONDUCTED INVOLVING NO PAIN, DISTRESS, OR USE OF PAIN-RELIEVING  
9 DRUGS, INCLUDING ROUTINE PROCEDURES SUCH AS INJECTIONS,  
10 TATTOOING, OR BLOOD SAMPLING;

11 (II) ANIMALS UPON WHICH HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH WAS  
12 CONDUCTED INVOLVING ACCOMPANYING PAIN OR DISTRESS TO THE  
13 ANIMALS AND FOR WHICH APPROPRIATE ANESTHETIC, ANALGESIC, OR  
14 TRANQUILIZING DRUGS WERE USED;

15 (III) ANIMALS UPON WHICH HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH WAS  
16 CONDUCTED INVOLVING ACCOMPANYING PAIN OR DISTRESS TO THE  
17 ANIMALS AND FOR WHICH THE USE OF APPROPRIATE ANESTHETIC,  
18 ANALGESIC, OR TRANQUILIZING DRUGS WOULD HAVE ADVERSELY  
19 AFFECTED THE HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH; AND

20 (IV) ANIMALS THAT WERE BRED, CONDITIONED, OR HELD FOR USE  
21 IN HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH BUT NOT USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES;

22 (c) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS PER SPECIES USED FOR EACH  
23 OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

24 (I) SCIENTIFIC STUDIES RELATING TO ESSENTIAL STRUCTURES,  
25 FUNCTIONS, OR DISEASE PROCESSES;

26 (II) RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND EFFICACY TESTING OF  
27 TREATMENTS, PRODUCTS, OR DEVICES FOR HUMAN MEDICINE, HUMAN

1 DENTISTRY, AND VETERINARY MEDICINE, EXCLUDING TOXICOLOGICAL AND  
2 OTHER SAFETY EVALUATIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c)(III) OF  
3 THIS SECTION;

4 (III) TOXICOLOGICAL AND OTHER SAFETY EVALUATIONS,  
5 INCLUDING SAFETY EVALUATIONS OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES AND  
6 DEVICES USED FOR HUMAN MEDICINE, HUMAN DENTISTRY, AND  
7 VETERINARY MEDICINE;

8 (IV) QUALITY CONTROL OF PRODUCTS AND DEVICES FOR HUMAN  
9 OR VETERINARY MEDICINE;

10 (V) EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF SCIENTISTS OR HEALTH-CARE  
11 PROVIDERS; AND

12 (VI) ANY OTHER PURPOSE NOT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
13 (1)(c), TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE PERSON PROVIDING THE INFORMATION  
14 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION;

15 (d) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE USE AND PURPOSE OF  
16 AN ALTERNATIVE TEST METHOD OR STRATEGY:

17 (I) THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE TEST METHODS OR  
18 STRATEGIES USED;

19 (II) THE NUMBER OF WAIVERS USED, IF ANY;

20 (III) THE PURPOSE OF THE ALTERNATIVE TEST METHODS OR  
21 STRATEGIES;

22 (IV) THE PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS EXPENDED BY THE  
23 HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY ON RESEARCH AND TESTING THAT  
24 INVOLVED THE USE OF ANIMALS AND THE PERCENTAGE SPENT ON  
25 RESEARCH AND TESTING THAT DID NOT INVOLVE THE USE OF ANIMALS;  
26 AND

27 (V) IF THE HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY INTENDS TO

1 REDUCE THE USE OF ANIMALS IN THE FACILITY'S HEALTH-RELATED  
2 RESEARCH, A PLAN THAT INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE PERCENTAGE  
3 REDUCTION OF SUCH USE OVER THE FOLLOWING YEAR; AND

4 (e) A DETAILED METHODOLOGY FOR OBTAINING THE INFORMATION  
5 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

6 **25-5.7-103. Health-related research - dogs and cats - adoption**

7 - **reporting.** (1) (a) BEFORE EUTHANIZING A DOG OR CAT, A  
8 HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY SHALL OFFER THE DOG OR CAT TO  
9 AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR A PET ANIMAL RESCUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
10 OFFERING THE DOG OR CAT FOR ADOPTION.

11 (b) SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF A  
12 HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY EUTHANIZES A DOG OR CAT FOR  
13 HEALTH OR SAFETY REASONS.

14 (2) A HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY MAY ENTER INTO A  
15 COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR PET ANIMAL  
16 RESCUE TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

17 (3) A HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY THAT ACTS IN GOOD  
18 FAITH TO TRANSFER A DOG OR CAT TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR PET ANIMAL  
19 RESCUE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS IMMUNE FROM  
20 CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OR RESULTING FROM THE TRANSFER OF THE DOG OR  
21 CAT.

22 (4) BY JANUARY 31, 2025, AND BY JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR  
23 THEREAFTER, A HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY SHALL SUBMIT TO  
24 THE DEPARTMENT, ON A FORM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, A REPORT  
25 THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE PREVIOUS  
26 CALENDAR YEAR:

27 (a) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS OWNED BY THE

1 HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY;

2 (b) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS THAT ARE USED FOR  
3 HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT THE HEALTH-RELATED  
4 RESEARCH FACILITY;

5 (c) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS THAT THE  
6 HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY TRANSFERRED TO AN ANIMAL  
7 SHELTER OR PET ANIMAL RESCUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION; AND

8 (d) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH ANIMAL SHELTER OR PET  
9 ANIMAL RESCUE TO WHICH THE HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH FACILITY  
10 TRANSFERRED A DOG OR CAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION.

11 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
14 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
15 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
16 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
17 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
18 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.