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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1533

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1533 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 3.10 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 70/3.10 new)

7 Sec. 3.10. Cat declawing.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Declawing" means an onychectomy or any other surgical  
10 procedure to amputate or modify a portion of a cat's paw in  
11 order to remove the cat's claws. This term does not include the  
12 trimming of nonviable claw husk or placing nonpermanent nail  
13 caps.

14 "Tendonectomy" means a procedure in which the tendons to a  
15 cat's limbs, paws, or toes are cut or modified so that the  
16 normal functioning of the claws is impaired.

1       "Therapeutic purpose" means a medically necessary  
2 procedure to address an existing or recurring infection,  
3 disease, injury, or abnormal condition in the claws, nail bed,  
4 or toe bone, which jeopardizes the cat's health. "Therapeutic  
5 purpose" does not include a procedure performed for a cosmetic  
6 or aesthetic purpose or to make the cat more convenient to keep  
7 or handle.

8       (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), a  
9 person shall not perform surgical claw removal, declawing, or  
10 a tendonectomy on any cat or otherwise alter a cat's toes,  
11 claws, or paws to prevent or impair the normal function of the  
12 cat's toes, claws, or paws.

13       (c) Surgical claw removal, declawing, or a tendonectomy on  
14 any cat or otherwise altering a cat's toes, claws, or paws to  
15 prevent or impair the normal function of the cat's toes,  
16 claws, or paws may only be performed by a veterinarian  
17 licensed under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice  
18 Act of 2004 for therapeutic purposes for the cat.

19       (d) The Department of Agriculture shall impose upon a  
20 person who violates this Section a civil penalty of \$500 for a  
21 first violation, \$1,000 for a second violation, and \$2,500 for  
22 a third or subsequent violation.

23       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect 90 days  
24 after becoming law."