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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4297

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4297 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Animal adoption organization" means any non-profit
8 organization authorized to conduct affairs in Illinois,
9 incorporated for the purpose of adopting animals in need and
10 finding permanent, adoptive homes for the animals, and licensed
11 as an animal shelter under the Animal Welfare Act.

12 "Public funds" means appropriated and non-appropriated
13 funding from the State or federal government.

14 "Research facility" means an institution of higher
15 education or corporation located in this State that utilizes
16 dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes

1 and receives public funds, State or federal, for those
2 purposes.

3 "Research facility adoption policy" means an adoption
4 policy for dogs and cats that details the specific steps that a
5 person can take to adopt a dog or cat that is no longer
6 necessary for scientific, educational, or research purposes
7 and that in the opinion of the dog's or cat's veterinarian is
8 suitable for adoption. The policy shall apply only to dogs or
9 cats owned by the research facility.

10 Section 10. Research dogs and cats adoption.

11 (a) A research facility that owns dogs or cats for
12 scientific, educational, or research purposes shall have a
13 research facility adoption policy. The research facility
14 adoption policy shall be made available on the research
15 facility's website.

16 (b) The research facility adoption policy shall require
17 that the dog's or cat's veterinarian approve the dog or cat for
18 adoption prior to any adoption under the policy.

19 (c) The research facility adoption policy shall include
20 provisions pursuant to which an animal adoption organization
21 may be eligible to adopt and may seek the adoption of dogs and
22 cats from the research facility.

23 (d) A research facility that provides dogs or cats to an
24 animal adoption organization pursuant to a research facility
25 adoption policy may enter into an agreement with the animal

1 adoption organization, including, but not limited to, a
2 confidentiality agreement, to protect the research facility
3 from liability.

4 (e) A research facility that provides dogs or cats to an
5 animal adoption organization pursuant to its research facility
6 adoption policy is immune from any civil liability resulting
7 from the research facility's actions as described under this
8 Section, except for willful or wanton misconduct.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.".