

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2446

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HICKS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 578.012, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to animals, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 578.012, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 173.2600 and 578.012, to read as follows:

**173.2600. 1. Any public university or college, or private university or college, that receives state funds and uses animals in research shall post on its website a written report on such animal research prior to December thirty-first of each year. This report shall be posted on the internet in a conspicuous and easily accessible location so that the members of the general assembly and the public can access a copy of the report electronically. The written report shall contain the following:**

**(1) An accounting of the total amount of funding expended for animal research by the college or university during the preceding state fiscal year. This shall include amounts of state, federal, private, and other revenue sources;**

**(2) A list of active animal research projects, including project titles, the university or college department, animal species, number and source of animals, fiscal year cost, total cost to date, funding source, and the start and end dates;**

**(3) A review of compliance with the federal Animal Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. Section 2116 et seq., as amended, the United States Public Health Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, and other applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and policies governing animal research. This shall include an explanation**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **of any animal research noncompliance documented during the preceding state fiscal**  
18 **year and corrective actions taken in each case;**

19 **(4) An accounting of the number of animals by species adopted out from**  
20 **research laboratories during the preceding state fiscal year to animal shelters, as**  
21 **defined in section 273.325, and the number of animals euthanized;**

22 **(5) Current rosters for all Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees within**  
23 **the college or university; and**

24 **(6) A detailed explanation of specific efforts by the college or university to refine,**  
25 **reduce, and replace the use of animals in research during the preceding state fiscal year.**  
26 **This shall include the number of animals by species used in research each year for the**  
27 **past three state fiscal years and anticipated numbers in the next fiscal year.**

28 **2. The use of animals in research shall include animals used in scientific**  
29 **research, in testing, and for experimentation purposes.**

578.012. 1. A person commits the offense of animal abuse if he or she:

2 (1) Intentionally or purposely kills an animal in any manner not allowed by or  
3 expressly exempted from the provisions of sections 578.005 to 578.023 and 273.030;

4 (2) Purposely or intentionally causes injury or suffering to an animal; ~~[or]~~

5 (3) Having ownership or custody of an animal knowingly fails to provide adequate  
6 care which results in substantial harm to the animal; **or**

7 **(4) Causes injury to the sexual organs of a female dog or needlessly causes pain**  
8 **to a female dog during artificial insemination.**

9 2. Animal abuse is a class A misdemeanor, unless the defendant has previously been  
10 found guilty of animal abuse or the suffering involved in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of  
11 this section is the result of torture or mutilation consciously inflicted while the animal was  
12 alive, in which case it is a class E felony.

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