



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Requires research facilities that use dogs or cats for laboratory research to offer dogs or cats no longer used for research for adoption prior to euthanization.

Provides that research facility is immune from civil liability for or resulting from transfer of dog or cat, if research facility acted in good faith concerning health and physical condition of dog or cat.

Requires certain research facilities to submit annual report to Secretary of State that provides certain information regarding release of dogs and cats and animal shelters with which facilities have entered into written agreements. Provides that reports are confidential and exempt from disclosure except that Secretary of State shall make aggregate data available to public upon request.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure reports received by the Secretary of State from research facilities regarding their use of dogs and cats for research purposes and the transfer of dogs and cats no longer needed for research purposes to animal shelters.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain additional information related to the use of dogs and cats for research and the transfer of dogs and cats to animal shelters.