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Animal Defenders International in support of HB 3213, to prohibit manufacturers from selling or offering to sell cosmetic developed through use of cosmetic animal test.

Every year, millions of animals suffer and die in laboratories around the world, used in experiments that cannot be trusted to translate to humans.

ADI investigations have exposed terrible torment endured by animals in cosmetic testing, including racks of rabbits restrained in stocks while products are dripped into their eyes, and guinea pigs suffering raw, inflamed skin lesions. Cosmetic testing typically involves:

- Repeat dose toxicity, to observe chronic, long-term effects on organs: a product may be pumped down an animal's throat or applied to its skin, or an animal might be forced to inhale it.
- Skin sensitization, to assess potential allergic reactions: may involve abrading the skin and deliberately causing painful damage.
- Carcinogenicity: animals are exposed to carcinogens and monitored for cell changes related to the development of cancer during or after exposure.
- Reproductive toxicity: animals are exposed to substances before and/or during pregnancy to test for poisonous effects, including its ability to reproduce, as well as damage to the fetus or its development.

Each species responds differently to substances; therefore, animal tests are an unreliable way to predict effects in humans.

Advanced non-animal techniques are faster, more accurate, and of direct relevance to humans. It is better scientific practice for animals and people.

Non-animal methods include human tissue in-vitro, computer analytics, database and models based on humans.

The tide is turning; a [2015 Gallup poll](#) revealed more than two-thirds in the US report they are "concerned" or "very concerned" about animals suffering in research; one-third responded that animals should have the same rights as humans. A 2015 Nielsen poll found most consumers considered a "not tested on animals" label as the most important packaging claim; 43% were willing to pay more for such products. As it stands, cosmetics companies must meet cruelty-free requirements for the 1.5 billion consumers in the global marketplace. Hundreds of cruelty-free cosmetic companies now thrive in North America, and the market increasingly demands humane products. At least 140 personal care products companies have endorsed the US Humane Cosmetics Act.

Ten US states have already passed similar legislation. California was the first to do so in 2018, followed by Nevada, Illinois, Virginia, Maryland, Maine, Hawaii, New Jersey, Louisiana, and most recently, New York banned the manufacture or sale of cosmetics tested on animals in December 2022, which took effect January 1, 2023.

Please support HB 3213, to end terrible animal suffering, and support the growing field of advanced technologies replacing outdated protocols with cheaper, more reliable, humane alternatives.

Sincerely,

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