

HOUSE BILL NO. 6283

December 10, 2024, Introduced by Rep. Skaggs and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1969 PA 224, entitled

"An act to license and regulate dealers that deliver, transport, board, buy, or sell dogs or cats for laboratory research purposes; to regulate research facilities that use dogs or cats for laboratory research; to require research facilities to offer laboratory animals no longer needed for laboratory research to certain animal protection shelters for adoption before euthanizing; to require research facilities to submit annual reports; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain conditions; to create certain funds; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 287.381), as amended by 2023 PA 315.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Animal protection shelter" means a facility that is ~~registered-licensed with the department~~ under section ~~6-4~~ of 1969 PA 287, MCL ~~287.336, 287.334~~, and is operated by any of the following:

(i) A person.

(ii) A humane society.

(iii) A society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

(iv) Any other nonprofit organization for the care of homeless animals.

(b) "Cat" means a domestic cat of any age of the species *Felis catus*.

(c) "Dealer" means a person that for compensation or profit delivers for transportation, transports, boards, buys, or sells dogs or cats for research purposes. Dealer does not include a person that breeds or raises dogs or cats for sale to a research facility.

(d) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural development.

(e) "Director" means the director of the department.

(f) "Dog" means a domestic dog of any age of the species *Canis lupus familiaris*.

(g) "Laboratory animal" means a dog or cat that is used or intended to be used for laboratory research at a research facility.

(h) "Laboratory research" means research, tests, or experiments conducted for education, scientific, medical, or experimental purposes.

(i) "Municipality" means a county, city, village, or township.

(j) "Person" means an individual, estate, business or nonprofit entity, public corporation, government or governmental

1 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or other legal entity.

2 (k) "Research facility" means a school, hospital, laboratory,
3 institution, organization, or person that is licensed or otherwise
4 registered with the United States Department of Agriculture, that
5 uses or intends to use a laboratory animal in laboratory research,
6 and that does 1 or both of the following:

7 (i) Purchases or transports laboratory animals.

8 (ii) Receives funds from this state, a local government, or an
9 agency or instrumentality of this state or a local government to
10 finance its operations through grants, loans, or other funds.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
12 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No.____ (request no.
13 06071'24) of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.