FACT SHEET

- Amends the Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992 to give the Department of Justice better tools to respond to recent trends in the animal rights terrorism movement.

- Broadens the definition of animal enterprise to include commercial and academic enterprises that use or sell animals or animal products.

- Addresses the “tertiary targeting” system used by animal rights terrorists by prohibiting the intentional damaging of property of a person or entity having a connection to an animal enterprise. Previously, only the animal enterprise itself was covered by the AEPA of 1992.

- Increases penalties for intentionally causing a person bodily injury or intentionally placing a person in reasonable fear of death or bodily injury.

- Includes penalties based on the amount of economic damage, which does not include lawful boycotts.

- Allows for restitution for the cost of repeating an experiment.

- First Amendment activity is expressly excluded from coverage under the AETA’s Rules of Construction.