

## 2017 RESEARCH ANIMAL ADOPTION BILLS

State	Bill Number	Sponsor	Summary	Status
Delaware	<a href="#">S.B.101</a>	Senator John Walsh	“The purpose of this subchapter is to ensure that healthy cats and dogs that are no longer needed for research, education, testing, or other scientific purposes are made available for adoption instead of euthanized and to create a process for adoption through agreements with local shelters or rescue groups.”	<p>6/06/2017—Introduced and referred to the Health, Children &amp; Social Services Committee</p> <p>6/21/2017—Public hearing at 2:30 P.M.; Reported out of Committee, 1 favorable, 2 on its merits</p> <p>6/27/2017—Amendment SA 1 to SB 101 defeated by Senate - votes: 21 no; Amendment SA 2 to SB 101 passed by Senate - votes: 20 yes, 1 absent; Passed by Senate 19 YES, 1 not voting, 1 absent</p> <p>6/28/2017—Referred to the House and assigned to the Health &amp; Human Development Committee</p> <p>6/30/2017—Legislative session closed; bill will carry over to 2018</p>
Hawaii	<a href="#">H.B.3</a>  <b>FAILED</b>	Representative Cindy Evans (District 7)	“The purpose of this Act is to require a research facility that intends to euthanize a dog or cat for any purpose other than scientific, medical, or educational research to make that animal available for adoption prior to euthanizing the animal if the animal is suitable for adoption.”	<p>1/18/2017—Introduced</p> <p>1/19/2017—Read for the first time</p> <p>1/23/2017—Referred to the Agriculture and Judiciary Committees</p> <p>1/31/2017—Scheduled to be heard by the Agriculture Committee on February 3 at 8:30 A.M.</p> <p>2/03/2017—The Agriculture Committee recommended the bill be passed, unamended, 7-0</p> <p>2/07/2017—Reported from the Agriculture Committee, recommending passage on second reading and referral to the Judiciary Committee</p>

	<p><a href="#">S.B.593</a>  <b>FAILED</b></p>	<p>Senators Will Espero, Josh Green, Russell Ruderman, Stanley Chang, Donovan Dela Cruz, Mike Gabbard, Brickwood Galuteria, Breene Harimoto, Les Ihara, Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Michelle Kidani, Donna Kim, Clarence Nishihara, Maile Shimabukuro</p>	<p>“The purpose of this Act is to: (1) Require research facilities to make available for adoption healthy cats and dogs that are no longer required for research; and (2) Allow research facilities to contract with local animal shelters and rescue groups to facilitate the adoptions.”</p>	<p>1/20/2017—Introduced  1/23/2017—Read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture &amp; Environment and Commerce, Consumer Protection &amp; Health Committees  1/26/2017—Public hearing scheduled for February 1 at 1:15 P.M.  2/01/2017—The Agriculture &amp; Environment Committee recommended the bill be passed, unamended, 5-0  2/03/2017—Reported from the Agriculture &amp; Environment Committee, passed on second reading and referred to the Consumer Protection and Health Committee (CPH) 2/17/2017—CPH Committee will hold a public hearing on 2/28/17 at 10:30 A.M.  2/28/2017—CPH Committee recommends the measure be passed, with amendments, 6-0  3/03/2017—Reported from the CPH Committee with recommendation of passage on third reading, as amended (SD 1)  3/07/2017—Report adopted, passed third reading, 25-0, and transmitted to the House  3/09/2017—Passed first reading in the House and referred to the House Agriculture and Finance Committees  3/13/2017—Scheduled to be heard by the Agriculture Committee on March 15 at 8:30 A.M.</p>
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				3/15/2017—The Agriculture Committee recommends the measure be deferred
Illinois	<a href="#">S.B.1884</a>  <i>SIGNED INTO LAW</i>	Senator Linda Holmes (District 42)	“Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Provides that a research facility, after the completion of any research involving a dog or cat, shall assess the health of the dog or cat and determine whether it is suitable for adoption. Provides that a research facility shall make reasonable efforts to offer for adoption a dog or cat determined to be suitable. Provides that a research facility that provides dogs or cats to an animal adoption organization is immune from any civil liability under the Act except for willful or wanton misconduct. Requires research facilities to have a research facility adoption policy made available on the facility's website.”	2/10/2017—Introduced, read for the first time and referred to Assignments  2/28/2017—Assigned to the Higher Education Committee  3/08/2017—Postponed  3/15/2017—Do pass by the Higher Education Committee, placed on the calendar order of second reading for March 16  4/06/2017—Read for the second time, placed on the calendar order of third reading for April 25  4/27/2017—Read for the third time, passed.  4/28/2017—Read for the first time in the House and referred to the Rules Committee  5/09/2017—Assigned to the Executive Committee  5/16/2017—Committee Deadline Extended-Rule to 9(b) May 26, 2017  5/24/2017—Do Pass / Short Debate Executive Committee; 011-000-000, Second Reading with short debate, placed on order of Third Reading  5/26/2017—Final Action Deadline Extended-9(b) to May 31, 2017  5/30/2017—Read for the third time & passed, 115-0

				6/28/2017—Sent to the Governor  8/24/2017—Signed into law by the Governor as Public Act 100-0323.
<b>Maine</b>	<a href="#">L.D.246/H.P.179</a>  <i>FAILED</i>	Representative Donna Bailey (District 14)	“This bill requires research facilities that receive public funding to offer for adoption cats and dogs used for science, testing, education or research purposes when the cats and dogs are no longer needed for those purposes instead of euthanizing them. Adoption of the cats and dogs may be through an animal shelter, animal rescue organization or private placement.”	1/31/2017—Introduced and referred to the Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry Committee in concurrence with the Senate  3/09/2017-- Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files as dead.
<b>Maryland</b>	<a href="#">S.B.420</a>  <i>FAILED</i>	Senator Michael Hough (District 4)	“For the purpose of requiring certain research facilities using dogs or cats for certain scientific research purposes to take certain steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat under certain circumstances; authorizing certain research facilities to enter into certain agreements with certain animal rescue organizations for certain purposes; requiring certain research facilities to submit certain information to the Secretary of Agriculture beginning on a certain date and each year thereafter; defining certain terms; and generally relating to research facilities that use dogs or cats.”	1/27/2017—Introduced, read for the first time and referred to the Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee  2/14/2017—Hearing at 1:00 P.M.
	<a href="#">H.B.528</a>  <i>FAILED</i>	Delegate Benjamin Kramer (District 19)	“For the purpose of requiring certain research facilities using dogs or cats for certain scientific research purposes to take certain steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat under certain circumstances;	1/30/2017—Introduced, read for the first time and referred to the Appropriations Committee  2/01/2017—Hearing scheduled for 2/21

			authorizing certain research facilities to enter into certain agreements with certain animal rescue organizations for certain purposes; requiring certain research facilities to submit certain information to the Secretary of Agriculture beginning on a certain date and each year thereafter; defining certain terms; and generally relating to research facilities that use dogs or cats.”	
<b>Massachusetts</b>  <i>(Legislative session adjourns on November 15, 2017)</i>	<a href="#">S.489</a>	Senator Bruce Tarr (First Essex and Middlesex)	“A research institution or product testing facility that intends to euthanize or destroy a dog or cat for any purpose other than scientific, medical or educational research shall, before euthanizing or destroying the dog or cat, offer the dog or cat to an animal shelter or rescue organization for adoption...A research institution or product testing facility shall not conduct research on any dog or cat for a period of more than 2 years.”	1/19/2017—Filed  1/23/2017—introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
	<a href="#">H.2454</a>	Representative Carolyn Dykema (District 8)	“No research institution shall employ dogs or cats in scientific investigation, experiment or instruction or for the testing of drugs or medicines without having first been issued a license therefor under this section by the commissioner of public health. A research institution desiring to obtain a license shall make application to the commissioner of public health...A research institution shall offer for adoption by an animal adoption or animal rescue organization any cat or dog that such research possesses for the purpose of conducting research or	1/23/2017—Referred to the House Committee on Public Health and the Senate concurred  6/29/2017—Hearing scheduled for 7/11/2017 from 1:00 PM-5:00 P.M.

			testing provided such offer occurs after the completion of any such research or testing, such research or testing does not require the destruction of such cat or dog and such animal is no longer needed by such research institution...Whoever knowingly violates any of the provisions of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$100 for each offense.”	
	<a href="#">H.3232</a>	Representative Michelle DuBois (10 <sup>th</sup> District)	“Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a research institution or product testing facility that intends to euthanize or destroy a dog or cat for any purpose other than scientific, medical or educational research shall, before euthanizing or destroying the dog or cat, offer the dog or cat to an animal shelter or rescue organization for adoption...A research institution or product testing facility shall not conduct research on any dog or cat for a period of more than 2 years.”	1/23/2017—Referred to the House Committee on Public Health and the Senate concurred  6/29/2017—Hearing scheduled for 7/11/2017 from 1:00 PM-5:00 P.M.
<b>New Jersey</b>  <i>(Legislative session adjourns on January 9, 2018)</i>	<a href="#">A.4385</a>	Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle (District 37)	“Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes to animal rescue organizations for adoption.”	12/12/2016—Introduced and referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee
	<a href="#">S.1479</a>	Senator Jennifer Beck (District 11)	“Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes to animal rescue organizations for adoption.”	2/16/2016—Introduced in the Senate and referred to the Senate Higher Education Committee

<p><b>North Dakota</b></p>	<p><a href="#">H.B.1267</a>  <i>FAILED</i></p>	<p>Representatives Gretchen Dobervich (District 11), Emily O'Brien (District 42), Mary Schneider (District 21)  Senator Tim Mathern (District 11)</p>	<p>"A bill for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 36-21.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the humane treatment of former research animals."</p>	<p>1/09/2017—Introduced, read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture Committee  1/26/2017—Committee hearing  1/27/2017—Reported back: do not pass  2/01/2017—Read for the second time, failed to pass: 9-84</p>
<p><b>Rhode Island</b></p>	<p><a href="#">H.B.5161</a></p>	<p>Representatives Charlene Lima (District 14), Patricia Serpa (District 27), Cale Keable (District 47), Kathleen Fogarty (District 35), and Deborah Fellela (District 43)</p>	<p>"An act relating to animals and animal husbandry—disposition of research animals. Requires educational institutions using dogs or cats for medical research to make animals no longer useful for research available for adoption."</p>	<p>1/19/2017—Introduced and referred to the Health, Education &amp; Welfare Committee  3/03/2017—Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration on 3/08/2017  3/08/2017—Health, Education &amp; Welfare Committee recommended measure be held for further study</p>
<p><b>Texas</b></p>	<p><a href="#">H.B.2490</a>  <i>FAILED</i></p>	<p>Representative Ina Minjarez (District 124)</p>	<p>"A research facility, or its authorized employee or an authorized student of an institution of higher education associated with the facility, shall offer on its retirement a retired animal for adoption: (1) Through an animal rescue organization or animal shelter; or (2) By an individual through an arrangement between the facility and individual. Before offering any retired animal to an animal rescue organization or animal shelter, a research facility must enter into a written agreement with the organization or shelter addressing the transfer of the facility's retired animals to the organization or shelter."</p>	<p>2/27/2017—Filed  3/21/2017—Read for the first time and referred to the Public Health Committee  5/02/2017—Considered in a public hearing and left pending in committee  5/04/2017—Considered in a formal meeting and reported favorable without amendments  5/08/2017—Committee report filed with Committee Coordinator and distributed  5/09/2017—Committee report sent to Calendars</p>

	<a href="#">S.B.1930</a>  <i>FAILED</i>	Senator Royce West (District 23)	“An institution of higher education may enter into a written agreement with an animal rescue organization or animal shelter that: (1) Provides for a veterinarian employed by the organization or shelter to perform the health assessment of the institution’s retired research animals as required under Subsection (b); or (2) Addresses the transfer of the institution’s retired research animals to the organization or shelter.”	3/10/2017—Introduced  3/27/2017—Read for the first time and referred to the Higher Education Committee
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