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Committee Bill No. 6277

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM ANIMAL BREEDERS AND ANIMAL TESTING FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of section 10a-150e of the general statutes, any animal
3 breeder or animal testing facility that no longer has need for a dog, cat,
4 rabbit or guinea pig that is in its possession, and that does not otherwise
5 pose a health or safety risk to the public, shall (1) offer such dog, cat,
6 rabbit or guinea pig for release to an animal adoption or animal rescue
7 organization for eventual adoption, or (2) in the case of a testing facility
8 operated by any constituent unit of the state system of higher education,
9 any public institution of higher education or any independent
10 institution of higher education, develop its own adoption program for
11 such animals, provided such program maintains records that comply
12 with any record retention standards prescribed by the Commissioner of
13 Agriculture. Such animal breeder or animal testing facility shall keep
14 such offer for release open for a period of time of not less than six weeks,
15 prior to euthanizing such dog, cat, rabbit or guinea pig. Such period of
16 time shall commence upon the receipt of electronic mail notification of
17 such offer by any such animal adoption or animal rescue organization,

18 or upon the posting of any such offer on the adoption program Internet
 19 web site for any such constituent unit, public institution or independent
 20 institution, as applicable. Any such animal breeder or animal testing
 21 facility may enter into an agreement with an animal adoption or animal
 22 rescue organization for the implementation of the provisions of this
 23 section.

24 (b) Any such animal breeder or animal testing facility shall not be
 25 liable for any harm caused by, or any defect suffered by, any such dog,
 26 cat, rabbit or guinea pig that is adopted pursuant to this section.

27 (c) The Department of Agriculture may retain a list of animal
 28 adoption or animal rescue organizations that may be notified of such
 29 offer for purposes of this section.

30 (d) For purposes of this section, "animal breeder" means any person
 31 who breeds dogs, cats, rabbits or guinea pigs for sale or transfer to an
 32 animal testing facility and "animal adoption or animal rescue
 33 organization" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-150e of
 34 the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a process for the adoption of animals from certain animal breeders and animal testing facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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