



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6277

January Session, 2025



***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM
CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-150e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "animal adoption or animal rescue
4 organization" means any collaboration of individuals or any nonprofit
5 organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3)
6 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
7 internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to
8 time, that has, as part of such collaboration's or organization's purposes,
9 the sale or placement of animals that were removed from animal
10 shelters, municipal dog pounds or an individual's home.

11 (b) Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education, each
12 public institution of higher education and each independent institution
13 of higher education shall offer for adoption by an animal adoption or
14 animal rescue organization any cat, rabbit, guinea pig, ferret or dog that
15 such constituent unit or institution of higher education possesses for the
16 purpose of conducting research or testing provided such offer occurs
17 after the completion of any such research or testing, such research or
18 testing does not require the destruction of such cat, rabbit, guinea pig,

19 ferret or dog and such animal is no longer needed by such constituent
20 unit or institution of higher education. Any constituent unit of higher
21 education or institution of higher education that is required to offer a
22 cat, rabbit, guinea pig, ferret or dog for adoption pursuant to this section
23 may enter into an agreement with an animal adoption or animal rescue
24 organization for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this
25 section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 10a-150e |

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*