

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1797

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HICKS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 273, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to research on animal subjects, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 273, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 273.470, to read as follows:

273.470. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Animal subject", a dog or cat;

(2) "Medically unnecessary", not carried out solely for the better health, welfare, or safety of the animal subject;

(3) "Significant pain or distress", any pain or distress caused by any procedure or condition classified under pain and distress category E by the United States Department of Agriculture.

2. No public or private institution of higher education shall carry out any medically unnecessary scientific or medical research on an animal subject that causes significant pain or distress to the animal subject.

3. No state funds shall be expended for any public or private organization to carry out any medically unnecessary scientific or medical research on an animal subject that causes significant pain or distress to the animal subject.

4. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to the state for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars for each separate act in violation of this section.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.