

88TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4840

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1963

Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

## A BILL

To provide standards for the humane care, handling, and treatment of laboratory animals used by departments and agencies of the United States or by recipients of grants or contracts from the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS

4 SECTION 1. The Congress hereby finds and declares that

5 (1) laboratory animals of uniformly high quality are essential  
6 to the conduct of vital research, training, and testing activ-  
7 ities necessary to the health and safety of the people of the  
8 United States; and (2) the humane care, handling, and

1 treatment of laboratory animals is not only necessary to  
2 maintain the high quality of laboratory animals needed for  
3 scientific purposes, but is a moral obligation of a civilized  
4 society.

#### 5 STANDARDS

6 SEC. 2. In order to effectuate the findings and declara-  
7 tions set forth in section 1, the Surgeon General of the  
8 Public Health Service (hereafter in this Act referred to as  
9 the "Surgeon General") shall prescribe and publish in the  
10 Federal Register standards for the humane care, handling,  
11 and treatment of laboratory animals. In formulating such  
12 standards the Surgeon General shall consult with depart-  
13 ments and agencies of the United States which use laboratory  
14 animals or which make grants or contracts involving their  
15 use by the recipients of such grants or contracts. Such stand-  
16 ards first established under this section shall be prescribed  
17 and published not later than the one hundred and eightieth  
18 day after the date of enactment of this Act.

#### 19 COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS

20 SEC. 3. On and after the thirtieth day after the standards  
21 provided for in section 2 of this Act are first published in  
22 the Federal Register, each department and agency of the  
23 United States shall comply with such standards, and no  
24 grant or contract which involves the use of laboratory ani-  
25 mals shall be made by any department or agency of the

1 United States unless the recipient of such grant or contract  
2 agrees in writing to comply with the standards prescribed  
3 and published under section 2 of this Act.

4 MISCELLANEOUS

5 SEC. 4. (a) The Surgeon General shall collect and make  
6 available through publications, conferences, films, demonstra-  
7 tions, and other appropriate means information relating to  
8 the humane care, treatment, and handling of laboratory ani-  
9 mals used for experimental purposes, and, insofar as possible,  
10 shall provide technical assistance with respect to means of  
11 providing such care, treatment, and handling to organiza-  
12 tions, agencies, institutions, laboratories, hospitals, and other  
13 entities which use laboratory animals.

14 (b) For the purposes of this Act, the term "laboratory  
15 animal" means any living vertebrate animal which is used  
16 or intended for use in connection with scientific experiments,  
17 research, tests, or training.

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