
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5832

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture (originally sponsored by Senator Barr)

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1 AN ACT Relating to disposition of animals; and adding new sections
2 to chapter 16.52 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** All animal shelters, pounds, or other
5 facilities that receive funding from any state, local, or federal
6 government authority shall not refuse to place any animal with a
7 medical research facility or commercial establishment. This section
8 shall not apply when a legal owner placing an animal with the agency or
9 shelter indicates in writing that the animal be euthanized rather than
10 placed in accordance with this section.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) All animal shelters, pounds, or other
12 facilities that receive funding from any state, local, or federal
13 government authority, must make animals in their possession available
14 for ownership at a reasonable cost to any individual or organization
15 that legally sells animals for domestic ownership, animal husbandry,
16 animal research, or other legal activity, to any organization that
17 conducts research in compliance with federal laws governing animal
18 welfare, care, and use. Any individual or organization may take

1 possession of an animal which is in the custody of a pound or shelter,
2 after any waiting period restricting euthanasia of the animal has
3 expired. Pounds or shelters must hold animals and make them available
4 to appropriate organizations for one full additional business day after
5 holding periods restricting euthanasia of the animal have expired.
6 Pounds or shelters may charge a fee for an animal no more than any
7 additional expenses incurred over and above the projected expense of
8 normal care and euthanasia of an animal.

9 (2) Any individual or organization, including pounds or shelters,
10 that interferes with or restricts the proper holding and transfer of an
11 animal as specified in subsection (1) of this section is liable for any
12 losses or damages suffered by an individual or organization that may
13 have rightfully taken possession of an animal.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each added
15 to chapter 16.52 RCW.

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