

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5212

Chapter 184, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature
2019 Regular Session

ADOPTION OF DOGS AND CATS--SCIENCE OR RESEARCH FACILITIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

Passed by the Senate April 19, 2019
Yeas 47 Nays 0

KAREN KEISER

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 9, 2019
Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved April 29, 2019 3:00 PM

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5212** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

Secretary

FILED

April 30, 2019

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Palumbo, Wilson, L., Rolfes, Mullet, Wilson, C., Hunt, and Kuderer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to adoption of dogs and cats used for science or
2 research purposes; adding a new section to chapter 18.92 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.92
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A higher education facility that receives public money,
8 including tax exempt status, or a facility that provides research in
9 collaboration with a higher education facility, that utilizes dogs or
10 cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes, upon
11 conclusion of a dog or cat's use for scientific, educational, or
12 research purposes shall:

13 (a) Have the facility's attending veterinarian or designee assess
14 the health of the dog or cat and determine if the dog or cat is
15 suitable for adoption, consistent with guidelines promulgated by the
16 American veterinary medical association; and

17 (b) Make reasonable efforts to offer the dog or cat for adoption,
18 when the dog or cat is deemed suitable for adoption, through the
19 facility's own adoption program or through an animal care and control
20 agency or an animal rescue group as defined in RCW 82.04.040. A
21 facility that offers dogs or cats for adoption to an animal care and

1 control agency or an animal rescue group under this section may enter
2 into an agreement to facilitate adoptions.

3 (2) Nothing in this section shall:

4 (a) Create a duty upon an animal care and control agency or an
5 animal rescue group to accept a dog or cat offered for adoption by a
6 research facility; or

7 (b) Prohibit a facility from completing scientific research or
8 educational use prior to making a suitability for adoption
9 determination.

10 (3) A research facility that provides a dog or cat for adoption
11 pursuant to this section is immune from any civil liability for acts
12 or omissions relating to the adoption of a dog or cat pursuant to
13 subsection (1) of this section, other than acts constituting willful
14 or wanton misconduct.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the
16 homes for animal heroes act.

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