

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 847 Session of  
2001

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, KITCHEN AND KUKOVICH, MAY 7, 2001

REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, MAY 7, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.303, No.83), entitled  
2 "An act relating to destruction of pet animals; prohibiting  
3 certain methods of destruction; providing for a limited  
4 license to dispense certain drugs; providing for regulation  
5 and enforcement; providing for use of certain surplus funds;  
6 and providing penalties," prohibiting the use of animals for  
7 certain purposes.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.303, No.83),  
11 referred to as the Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law,  
12 is amended by adding a section to read:

13 Section 8.1. Prohibited use of animals.

14 (a) Custody by humane society.--No animal, dead or alive,  
15 nor any part of an animal, in the custody of any humane society  
16 or animal control organization may be sold or made available for  
17 the purpose of testing, medical or scientific teaching or  
18 demonstration, research or experimentation or for a similar  
19 purpose.

20 (b) Purchase for experimentation.--No person may purchase or

accept an animal, dead or alive, or any part of an animal, in the custody of any humane society or animal control organization within this Commonwealth for the purpose of testing, medical or scientific teaching or demonstration, research or experimentation or for a similar purpose.

(c) Authorized disposition of animals.--Each animal in the custody of any humane society or animal control organization shall be:

(1) returned to its owner upon being reclaimed;

(2) adopted by a qualifying individual; or

(3) destroyed as provided for in this act.

(d) Application of section.--

(1) This section shall not apply to the transfer of animals from any humane society or animal shelter to an institutional medical program in which care and treatment of animals are provided by licensed animal health care practitioners and trainees under their supervision and in which animals are returned to the custodial shelter or humane society for adoption upon completion of treatment.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the acquisition of animals for the purpose of testing, medical or scientific teaching or demonstration, research or experimentation from any other legal source.

Section 2. Section 9 of the act is amended to read:

Section 9. Penalty.

Any person or organization found guilty of violating the provisions of this act shall be fined not to exceed [\$250] \$300 per violation day.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.