

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 823**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jack Patrick Lewis***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act concerning the use of animals in product testing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 823) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to the use of animals in product testing. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2933 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act concerning the use of animals in product testing.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 1: Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section  
2   174F the following new section -

3           (a) For the purposes of this act:

4           "Alternative test method" means a test method or strategy that replaces vertebrate animal  
5   testing, when a non-animal method is available, and provides information of equivalent or better  
6   scientific quality and relevance for its intended purpose, including: methods identified by  
7   validation bodies such as the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of  
8   Alternative Methods or the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.  
9   Alternative test method includes, but is not limited to, computational toxicology and

10 bioinformatics; high-throughput screening methods; testing of categories of chemical substances;  
11 tiered testing methods; in vitro studies; and systems biology; or reduces and refines vertebrate  
12 animal testing when there is no non-animal method available;

13 "Animal" means any vertebrate other than humans;

14 "Contract testing facility" means any partnership, corporation, association, or other legal  
15 relationship that tests chemicals, ingredients, product formulations, or products in the State;

16 "Manufacturer" means any partnership, corporation, association, or other legal  
17 relationship that produces products, product formulations, chemicals, or ingredients in the State;

18 "Medical research" means research related to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, or  
19 prevention of physical or mental diseases and impairments of humans and animals or related to  
20 the development of biomedical products, devices, or drugs as defined in 21 U.S.C. s.321.

21 "Medical research" shall not include the testing of an ingredient that was formerly used in a drug,  
22 tested for the drug use with traditional animal test methods to characterize the ingredient and to  
23 substantiate its safety for human use, and currently is proposed for use in a product other than a  
24 biomedical product, device, or drug;

25 "Traditional animal test method" means a process or procedure using animals to obtain  
26 information regarding the biological effects of exposure to a chemical or agent.

27 (b) (1) When conducting any ingredient or product testing in the State, no manufacturer or  
28 contract testing facility shall use a traditional animal test method for which an appropriate  
29 alternative test method or strategy exists. No provision of this subsection shall be construed to  
30 apply to any animal test conducted for the purposes of medical research.

31 (2)No provision of this section shall prohibit the use of any alternative test method for  
32 the testing of any product, product formulation, chemical, or ingredient that is not defined in  
33 subsection (a).

34 (3)No provision of this section shall prohibit the use of animal tests to comply with the  
35 requirements of State or federal agencies when the federal agency has approved an alternative  
36 test method or strategy pursuant to (1) of this subsection and the federal agency concludes that  
37 the alternative test method or strategy does not assure the health or safety of consumers.

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39 (c)Notwithstanding any other provision of law, or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant  
40 thereto, to the contrary, the exclusive remedy for enforcing this act shall be the Attorney General  
41 bringing a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to restrain the violation and for other  
42 further relief as the court shall determine is proper.

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44 (d) This act shall take effect 6 months from the date of passage.

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