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HOUSE . . . . . No. 966

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:	DATE ADDED:
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*2/17/2021*
Steven G. Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*2/18/2021*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*2/19/2021*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*2/19/2021*
Tami L. Gouveia	*14th Middlesex*	*2/22/2021*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*2/22/2021*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*2/23/2021*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*	*2/24/2021*
Adam J. Scanlon	*14th Bristol*	*2/25/2021*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*	*2/25/2021*
Kevin G. Honan	*17th Suffolk*	*2/25/2021*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*2/26/2021*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/26/2021*
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	*17th Worcester*	*2/26/2021*
Kate Lipper-Garabedian	*32nd Middlesex*	*2/26/2021*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*2/26/2021*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*2/26/2021*
Peter Capano	*11th Essex*	*2/26/2021*

Michelle L. Ciccolo	*15th Middlesex*	*2/26/2021*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*3/4/2021*
Danillo A. Sena	*37th Middlesex*	*3/8/2021*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*3/15/2021*
Daniel J. Ryan	*2nd Suffolk*	*3/19/2021*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*3/31/2021*
Kip A. Diggs	*2nd Barnstable*	*4/6/2021*
Nika C. Elugardo	*15th Suffolk*	*5/6/2021*
Paul W. Mark	*2nd Berkshire*	*6/9/2021*
Steven C. Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*7/5/2021*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*9/1/2021*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*11/18/2021*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*1/20/2022*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*1/20/2022*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*1/20/2022*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*	*1/21/2022*

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By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 966) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to the use of animals in product testing. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

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:

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

Section 174G.

(a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

"Alternative test method", a process or procedure implemented to obtain information regarding the biological effects of exposure to a chemical or agent that does not employ the use of an animal and results in the gathering of valid information that would otherwise be acquired through the use of a traditional animal test method, including, but not limited to, computational toxicology, bioinformatics, high-throughput screening methods, chemical substances testing, tiered testing methods, in vitro studies, and systems biology.

“Commissioner”, the commissioner of the department of public health.

"Contract testing facility", a partnership, corporation, association, or other legal relationship that tests chemicals, ingredients, product formulations, or products.

"Manufacturer", a partnership, corporation, association, or other legal relationship that produces products, product formulations, chemicals, or ingredients.

"Medical research", investigations, experiments, and studies to discover, develop, or verify knowledge relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or control of physical or mental diseases and impairments of humans and animals or relating to the development of biomedical products, devices, or pharmaceuticals.

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

(b) (1) When testing a product, product formulation, chemical, or ingredient in the Commonwealth, no manufacturer or contract testing facility shall use a traditional animal test method for which a valid alternative test method exists. No provision of this subsection shall be construed to apply to a test method conducted for the purposes of medical research.

(c) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations to implement, enforce, and administer this section and shall establish standards for alternative test methods to ensure safety and comparable validity of results to traditional animal test methods. The commissioner shall consider the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development’s Guidelines for the Testing of Chemicals when establishing said standards.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of public health shall promulgate regulations to implement this act no later than 180 days following passage of this act.

SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect 6 months after the passage of this act and Section 2 shall take effect upon passage.