

**SB2356**



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2015 and 2016**

**SB2356**

Introduced 1/28/2016, by Sen. Linda Holmes

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

New Act

Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education or corporation located in this State that receives public funds, federal or State, for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Animal rescue organization" means any nonprofit  
8 organization incorporated for the purpose of rescuing animals  
9 in need and finding permanent, adoptive homes for the animals.

10 "Research facility" means an institution of higher  
11 education or corporation located in this State that receives  
12 public funds, federal or State, for scientific, educational, or  
13 research purposes or a facility that provides research in  
14 collaboration with an institution of higher education with the  
15 use of public funds.

16 Section 10. Research dogs and cats adoption requirement.

17 (a) A research facility that confines dogs or cats for  
18 scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on  
19 euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific,  
20 educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or  
21 cat to an animal rescue organization.

22 (b) A research facility that is required to offer dogs or

1 cats to an animal rescue organization under this Section may  
2 enter into an agreement with the animal rescue organization to  
3 protect the research facility from liability.

4 (c) A research facility that provides a dog or cat to an  
5 animal rescue organization under this Section is immune from  
6 any civil liability that otherwise might result from the  
7 research facility's actions, provided that the research  
8 facility is acting in good faith.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.