

By Mr. Twohig of Boston, petition of James J. Twohig, Jr., for the creation of the position of director of animal experimentation in the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of regulating persons, associations and corporations engaged in conducting experiments and research on live animals. State Administration.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION REGULATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND INSPECTION OF LABORATORIES, CORPORATIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, PERSONS, AND ASSOCIATIONS ENGAGED IN PERFORMING EXPERIMENTS, RESEARCH, OBSERVATION, OR INSTRUCTION USING LIVING ANIMALS.

*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. No person, laboratory, corporation,  
2 educational institution, partnership, or association  
3 shall engage in the practice of performing experiments,  
4 observations, research or instruction using live animals  
5 in any way, without first obtaining a license therefor  
6 from the director of animal experimentation regula-  
7 tion in the department of public safety.

8 The commissioner of public safety shall appoint a  
9 director of animal experimentation regulation, whose

10 duties shall be to establish a system for the licensing,  
11 registration, regulation and inspection of individuals,  
12 laboratories, corporations, educational institutions,  
13 partnerships, or associations engaged in performing  
14 experimentation, research, observation, or instruction  
15 using live animals.

16 The director of animal experimentation regulation  
17 shall, from time to time, appoint a duly qualified  
18 veterinarian doctor or veterinarian doctors as needed,  
19 to make such inspections.

20 The director of animal experimentation regulation  
21 may revoke any license granted by him hereunder if  
22 in his judgment the licensee is not complying with  
23 the rules and regulations made hereunder.

24 Licenses shall expire on March thirty-first of each  
25 year.

26 The fee for licenses or renewals thereof shall be at  
27 the rate of fifty cents per animal used.

28 If a license is refused or revoked, an appeal may be  
29 taken to the commissioner of public safety, whose de-  
30 cision is final.

31 Whoever engages in the business or activity of per-  
32 forming experiments, research, observation, or in-  
33 struction using live animals without first obtaining a  
34 license, shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
35 two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand  
36 dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Every licensed laboratory, corpora-  
2 tion, educational institution, partnership, person, or  
3 association engaged in performing experiments, re-  
4 search, observation, or association engaged in per-  
5 forming experiments, research, observation, or in-  
6 struction using live animals, shall submit monthly

7 reports to the director of animal experimentation  
8 regulation.

1 SECTION 3. No student lower in academic stand-  
2 ing than a senior medical student majoring in sur-  
3 gery or a graduate student working toward a doctor-  
4 ate in physiology, biology, pathology, or allied sci-  
5 ences, shall be allowed to take part in any experiment  
6 involving the use of living animals, except as a spec-  
7 tator. Every such experiment by a student of quali-  
8 fied rank shall be fully supervised at all times by a  
9 responsible faculty member of rank not lower than  
10 associate professor.

11 No experiment shall be conducted by any student  
12 in any course not leading to a doctor's degree.

13 Every laboratory, corporation, educational insti-  
14 tution, partnership, person or association engaged in  
15 performing experiments, research, observation, or in-  
16 struction using living animals, shall file with the  
17 director of animal experimentation regulation a list of  
18 the names and addresses, occupations, and, if students,  
19 the courses of the major subject of study of each per-  
20 son engaging in any activity, experiment, research,  
21 observation, or instruction using living animals, so  
22 that the director of animal experimentation regula-  
23 tion may determine whether or not this section is be-  
24 ing complied with. This report shall be signed under  
25 the penalties of perjury by the licensee.

1 SECTION 4. Any person selling or offering to sell a  
2 dog, cat, or other domestic animal shall, at least four  
3 days before each sale, notify in writing the director of  
4 animal experimentation regulation in the department  
5 of public safety, and the chief of police or selectmen

6 in the city or town where the sale is to be made, or, if  
7 in Boston, the police commissioner. Such notice shall  
8 state the name of the seller, the name of the buyer,  
9 where and when the seller acquired the animal, for  
10 what purpose it is being bought, the license number  
11 if any of the said animal, its age, and description.

1 SECTION 5. Any person who violates any of the  
2 provisions of sections two, three or four shall have  
3 his license revoked by the director of animal experi-  
4 mentation regulation.