

By Mr. Vellucci of Cambridge, petition of Peter A. Vellucci that animal care committees be subject to the open meeting law. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEES.

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. Section 11A of chapter 30A is hereby amended
2 by inserting the following paragraph: —
3 For the purposes of section 11A½, “animal care committee”
4 means any committee which is required by law to oversee the care
5 and use of laboratory animals.

1 SECTION 2. Section 11A½ of chapter 30A is hereby amended
2 by inserting after the last paragraph the following: —
3 Any animal care committee which is part of an institution which
4 receives federal or state funding shall have its meetings subject
5 to the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall prohibit anything
2 otherwise required by Federal or State law. If any section,
3 subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this act is for any reason
4 held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent
5 jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and
6 independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the
7 validity of the remaining portions thereof.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect eighteen months after
2 passage.

