

HOUSE No. 5355

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty and another for legislation to promote alternative methods of live animal research. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

AN ACT PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO LIVE ANIMAL RESEARCH.

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 80C of Chapter 272 is hereby amended by adding the
2 following: —

3 *Section A:* All facilities within the Commonwealth including
4 Medical Schools, Educational Institutions, and Research Laborato-
5 ries, which use live animals for experimental purposes shall, begin-
6 ning January 1, 1985 reduce the number of animals used each
7 calendar year by twenty (20%) percent of the number used in the
8 prior year.

9 *Section B:* Any facility aggrieved by such reduction may appeal
10 to a commission consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by
11 the Governor, at least three (3) of whom shall be representatives of
12 animal welfare or anti-vivisection groups.

13 The Commission shall hear all interested parties and shall have
14 the authority to adjust the percentage mandated by Section A.
15 provided however, that the Commission shall file written findings
16 supporting said adjustment. Such findings to be open for public
17 inspection.

The Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]

CHIEF OF BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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