

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3716

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By Mr. Brownell of Quincy, petition of Thomas F. Brownell for legislation to prevent unnecessary and painful experiments on animals. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY AND PAINFUL EXPERIMENTS ON 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 Chapter 133 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Section  
2 4 as follows:—

3 *Section 4.* Any provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding,  
4 ing, no animal shall be subjected to any scientific investigation,  
5 experimentation, or use for medical school or other instruction, or  
6 testing of drugs or medicine, if alternative methods are available,  
7 or the knowledge sought to be gained is available from other  
8 scientific data, or the experiment is repetitive, or designed for  
9 demonstrative purposes.

10 Any person or institution violating the provisions of this section  
11 shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000, and shall suffer loss  
12 of any license granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to  
13 said institution for a period of six (6) months.

