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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY- USE OF ANIMALS IN  
MEDICAL SCHOOL LESSON

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Lima, Serpa, O'Brien, and Johnston

Date Introduced: February 01, 2019

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4-19 of the General Laws entitled "Animal Care" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **4-19-11.4. Use of animals in medical school training.**

4 (a) A medical school may not use a live animal in the medical education or training of  
5 their students if there is an alternate teaching method that:

6 (1) Teaches its chosen medical procedure or lesson without the use of a live animal; and

7 (2) Is used by at least one other accredited medical school in the state.

8 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a  
9 misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for  
10 each animal used.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit a medical school in this state from using a live animal while  
2 teaching medical procedures if there is an alternate teaching method utilized by at least one  
3 accredited school in the state.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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