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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- USE OF ANIMALS IN  
MEDICAL TRAINING

Introduced By: Senators Valverde, Murray, Goldin, Miller, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 13, 2020

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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 training.**

4 (a) An educational program training individuals in the medical treatment of human beings  
5 shall not use a live animal in the education or training of students, residents, or physicians if:

6 (1) At least one other accredited training program in the state in the same medical  
7 discipline does not use live animals; or

8 (2) There is an alternate teaching method that teaches the medical procedure or lesson  
9 without the use of an animal.

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

13 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 training program in this state from using a live animal  
2 while teaching medical procedures if at least one other accredited training program in the state in  
3 the same medical discipline does not use animals or there is an alternate teaching method that  
4 teaches the medical procedure or lesson without the use of animal.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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