

HOUSE No. 850

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act concerning the use of animals in product testing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/5/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>

<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Adrienne Pusateri Ramos</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>

HOUSE No. 850

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 850) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to the use of animals in product testing. Environment and Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act concerning the use of animals in product testing.

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. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 Section 174F the following new section:-

3 Section 174G.

4 (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless
5 the context clearly requires otherwise:

6 "Alternative test method", a process or procedure implemented to obtain information
7 regarding the biological effects of exposure to a chemical or agent that does not employ the use
8 of an animal and results in the gathering of valid information that would otherwise be acquired
9 through the use of a traditional animal test method, including, but not limited to, computational
10 toxicology, bioinformatics, high-throughput screening methods, chemical substances testing,
11 tiered testing methods, in vitro studies, and systems biology.

12 “Commissioner”, the commissioner of the department of public health.

13 "Contract testing facility", a partnership, corporation, association, or other legal
14 relationship that tests chemicals, ingredients, product formulations, or products.

15 "Manufacturer", a partnership, corporation, association, or other legal relationship that
16 produces products, product formulations, chemicals, or ingredients.

17 "Medical research", investigations, experiments, and studies to discover, develop, or
18 verify knowledge relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or control of physical
19 or mental diseases and impairments of humans and animals or relating to the development of
20 biomedical products, devices, or pharmaceuticals.

21 "Traditional animal test method", a process or procedure using animals to obtain
22 information regarding the biological effects of exposure to a chemical or agent.

23 (b) (1) When testing a product, product formulation, chemical, or ingredient in the
24 Commonwealth, no manufacturer or contract testing facility shall use a traditional animal test
25 method for which a valid alternative test method exists. No provision of this subsection shall be
26 construed to apply to a test method conducted for the purposes of medical research.

27 (c) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations to implement, enforce, and administer
28 this section and shall establish standards for alternative test methods to ensure safety and
29 comparable validity of results to traditional animal test methods. The commissioner shall
30 consider the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development’s Guidelines for the
31 Testing of Chemicals when establishing said standards.

32 SECTION 2. The commissioner of public health shall promulgate regulations to
33 implement this act no later than 180 days following passage of this act.

34 SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect 6 months after the passage of this act and Section
35 2 shall take effect upon passage.