

Amendment No. 683

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 261 First Reprint	(BDR 50-56)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 5/11/2015

S.B. No. 261—Makes various changes relating to certain research facilities.
(BDR 50-56)



SENATE BILL NO. 261—SENATORS MANENDO, DENIS, PARKS, SPEARMAN, ATKINSON;
FARLEY, FORD, GOICOECHEA, GUSTAVSON, HARRIS, KIECKHEFER, KIHUEN,
LIPPARELLI, ROBERSON, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH AND
WOODHOUSE

MARCH 12, 2015

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STEWART, THOMPSON, TROWBRIDGE AND WHEELER

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

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FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to animals; ~~authorizing~~ **requiring** certain research facilities to offer certain dogs and cats to an animal shelter or rescue organization for adoption before euthanizing or destroying such a dog or cat; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill ~~authorizes~~ **requires** certain research facilities to offer dogs and cats that are
2 appropriate for adoption to an animal shelter or rescue organization before euthanizing or
3 destroying such a dog or cat. This bill also provides that such a research facility and its
4 officers, directors, employees and agents are immune from civil liability for any act or
5 omission relating to such an adoption.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 574 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new
2 section to read as follows:

3 1. *A research facility that intends to euthanize a dog or cat for any purpose*
4 *other than scientific, medical or educational research* ~~may~~ **shall, before**

1 *euthanizing the dog or cat, offer the dog or cat for adoption if the dog or cat is*
2 *appropriate for adoption. A research facility may offer the dog or cat for adoption*
3 *through a program of the research facility or enter into a collaborative agreement*
4 *with an animal shelter that performs the work of an animal rescue organization*
5 *or an animal rescue organization for the purpose of carrying out the provisions*
6 *of this subsection. Any such animal shelter or animal rescue organization must*
7 *be domiciled in Nevada and exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §*
8 *501(c)(3).*

9 2. *A research facility and any officer, director, employee or agent of the*
10 *research facility is immune from civil liability for any act or omission relating to*
11 *the adoption of a dog or cat pursuant to subsection 1.*

12 3. *As used in this section, “animal rescue organization” means a nonprofit*
13 *organization established for the purpose of rescuing animals in need and finding*
14 *permanent, adoptive homes for such animals.*

15 **Sec. 2.** NRS 574.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 574.050 As used in NRS 574.050 to 574.200, inclusive ~~H~~, and section 1 of
17 *this act:*

18 1. “Animal” does not include the human race, but includes every other living
19 creature.

20 2. “First responder” means a person who has successfully completed the
21 national standard course for first responders.

22 3. “Police animal” means an animal which is owned or used by a state or local
23 governmental agency and which is used by a peace officer in performing his or her
24 duties as a peace officer.

25 4. *“Research facility” means an organization that is engaged in:*

26 *(a) Animal research for the purpose of testing the performance, safety or*
27 *quality of a product; or*

28 *(b) Scientific research for scientific, medical or educational purposes.*

29 5. “Torture” or “cruelty” includes every act, omission or neglect, whereby
30 unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted.

31 **Sec. 3.** NRS 574.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 574.200 1. The provisions of NRS 574.050 to 574.510, inclusive, and
33 *section 1 of this act* do not:

34 ~~H~~ *(a) Interfere with any of the fish and game laws contained in title 45 of*
35 *NRS or any laws for the destruction of certain birds.*

36 ~~I~~ *(b) Interfere with the right to destroy any venomous reptiles or animals, or*
37 *any animal known as dangerous to life, limb or property.*

38 ~~J~~ *(c) Interfere with the right to kill all animals and fowl used for food.*

39 ~~K~~ *(d) Prohibit or interfere with any properly conducted scientific*
40 *experiments or investigations which are performed under the authority of the*
41 *faculty of some regularly incorporated medical college or university of this State.*

42 ~~L~~ *(e) Interfere with any scientific or physiological experiments conducted or*
43 *prosecuted for the advancement of science or medicine.*

44 ~~M~~ *(f) Prohibit or interfere with established methods of animal husbandry,*
45 *including the raising, handling, feeding, housing and transporting of livestock or*
46 *farm animals.*

47 2. *Nothing contained in subsection 1 shall be deemed to exclude a research*
48 *facility from the provisions of section 1 of this act.*