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# H. R. 4971

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the annual reporting requirements of research facilities conducting animal experimentation or testing and to improve the accountability of animal experimentation programs of the Department of Defense.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 16, 1994

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. MANTON, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. SWETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Animal Experimen-  
5       tation Right To Know Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Over 21,000,000 animals are used every  
2 year in laboratory experiments and tests conducted  
3 by research facilities subject to the Animal Welfare  
4 Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.), and many of these ex-  
5 periments and tests are painful, distressful and  
6 cause permanent injury or death to the animals.

7           (2) In addition to animal experimentation and  
8 testing conducted by private research facilities, the  
9 Federal Government spends over \$5,000,000,000  
10 annually on experiments and tests involving the use  
11 of animals.

12           (3) The Federal Government must bear the re-  
13 sponsibility for making information on animal ex-  
14 perimentation complete, coherent, and readily acces-  
15 sible to the American public.

16           (4) While the Department of Agriculture cur-  
17 rently requires all registered research facilities con-  
18 ducting animal research to file an annual report, the  
19 compilation of these reports fails to provide com-  
20 prehensive annual profiles of laboratory animal use  
21 in the United States.

22           (5) The Department of Defense conducts al-  
23 most \$200,000,000 worth of animal testing every  
24 year and has not provided detailed information on  
25 its experimentation programs.

1           (6) Military researchers receive Federal funding  
2           for tests involving animals without being subject to  
3           the same review process as other researchers in the  
4           scientific community.

5   **SEC. 3. RESEARCH FACILITIES ANNUAL REPORT REGARD-**  
6                   **ING ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION AND TEST-**  
7                   **ING.**

8           (a) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—Sub-  
9           section (a)(7)(B) of section 13 of the Animal Welfare Act  
10          (7 U.S.C. 2143) is amended—

11                  (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (ii);

12                  (2) by striking the period at the end of clause  
13                  (iii) and inserting “; and”; and

14                  (3) by adding at the end the following new  
15                  clauses:

16                         “(iv) information regarding where animals used  
17                         by such facility were obtained;

18                         “(v) an accurate count of all animals of all spe-  
19                         cies used in animal experimentation testing, includ-  
20                         ing rats, mice, birds and other animals; and

21                         “(vi) information regarding the general pur-  
22                         poses of the animal experimentation program of  
23                         such facility, including whether the animals were  
24                         used in the fields of research, testing, or edu-  
25                         cation.”.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN REPORT INFORMA-  
2 TION.—Subsection (a)(7) of such section is amended by  
3 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

4 “(C) The Secretary shall develop a system for releas-  
5 ing to the public information derived from subparagraph  
6 (B)(iv) regarding where animals used in research are ob-  
7 tained.”.

8 **SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANIMAL EXPERIMEN-**  
9 **TATION PROGRAMS.**

10 (a) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENSE RE-  
11 SEARCH FACILITIES.—Section 14 of the Animal Welfare  
12 Act (7 U.S.C. 2144) is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” after  
14 “SEC. 14.”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
16 section:

17 “(b) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF  
18 DEFENSE.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall submit an  
19 annual report to Congress on the animal experimentation  
20 programs of the Department of Defense. The report shall  
21 provide in-depth profiles of animal research (including  
22 testing, education and training) conducted at each Depart-  
23 ment research facility. To the greatest extent possible,  
24 such report should be filed as an unclassified document.

25 “(2) The annual report shall include the following:

1           “(A) Initiatives to promote alternative research  
2           methods that would phase out and reduce the use of  
3           animals in research.

4           “(B) Procedures adopted to prevent unintended  
5           duplication of research.

6           “(C) The total cost of the animal-based re-  
7           search in comparison to other forms of biological re-  
8           search conducted by the research facilities, each  
9           military department, and the Department of Defense  
10          as a whole.

11          “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall establish pro-  
12          grams to phase out and replace current uses of animals  
13          at research facilities of the Department of Defense, in ac-  
14          cordance with the initiatives identified under paragraph  
15          (2)(A).

16          “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall appoint an om-  
17          budsman for animal issues at each research facility of the  
18          Department of Defense. The purpose of this individual  
19          would be to field and act on any complaints and concerns  
20          about the facility’s animal care and use program.

21          “(5) The Secretary of Defense shall submit an annual  
22          report to the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with  
23          section 13(a)(7).

24          “(6) The Secretary of Defense may submit a waiver  
25          form in place of any information regarding animal tests

1 that the Secretary of Defense determines cannot be pub-  
2 licly disclosed for reasons of national security.”.

3 (b) REVIEW OF DEFENSE ANIMAL EXPERIMEN-  
4 TATION PROGRAMS.—The President shall appoint an 11  
5 member panel of biomedical experts and animal care ex-  
6 perts to investigate the animal use and care programs of  
7 the Department of Defense. At the direction of the Presi-  
8 dent, the panel shall examine the ethics and regulation of  
9 the number and types of animal experiments conducted  
10 by the Department of Defense.

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