
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 448—ASSEMBLYWOMAN SEGERBLOM (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 10, 1999

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture and Mining

SUMMARY—Prohibits animal shelter from releasing animals for research or experimentation under certain circumstances. (BDR 50-1499)

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

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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; prohibiting an animal shelter from releasing animals for research or experimentation under certain circumstances; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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
2 a new section to read as follows:

3 ***1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person or animal***
4 ***shelter shall not sell, buy, barter or give or offer to sell, buy, barter or***
5 ***give an animal to a person or governmental entity for research or***
6 ***experimentation.***

7 ***2. Any person, except an animal shelter, may sell, buy, barter or give***
8 ***an animal to the faculty of a regularly incorporated medical college or***
9 ***university of this state or to a licensed hospital or medical laboratory for***
10 ***research or experimentation.***

11 ***3. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a***
12 ***misdemeanor. As used in this subsection, “person” includes an operator.***

13 ***4. As used in this section:***

14 ***(a) “Animal shelter” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.240.***

15 ***(b) “Operator” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 574.290.***

1 **Sec. 2.** NRS 574.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 574.050 As used in NRS 574.050 to 574.200, inclusive ~~§~~, *and*
3 *section 1 of this act:*
4 1. “Animal” does not include the human race, but includes every other
5 living creature.
6 2. “Torture” or “cruelty” includes every act, omission or neglect,
7 whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or
8 permitted.
9 **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses
10 that were committed before October 1, 1999.

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