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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Impounded animals)

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LAWS OF: 1997 **CHAPTER:** 324

BILL NO: S493

SPONSOR(S): Bennett

DATE INTRODUCED: January 22, 1996

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Environment
SENATE: Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** December 4, 1997
SENATE: March 18, 1997

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 8, 1998

FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

SPONSOR STATEMENT: Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes
SENATE: Yes

FISCAL NOTE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

MESSAGE ON SIGNING: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

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1 will be liable to be offered for adoption or destroyed if not claimed
2 within seven days after the service of the notice.

3 A notice under this section may be served either by delivering it to
4 the person on whom it is to be served, or by leaving it at the person's
5 usual or last known place of abode, or at the address given on the
6 collar, or by forwarding it by post in a prepaid letter addressed to that
7 person at his usual or last known place of abode, or to the address
8 given on the collar.

9 Any person authorized by the governing body may cause an animal
10 to be destroyed in a manner causing as little pain as possible and
11 consistent with the provisions of R.S.4:22-19 or to be offered for
12 adoption seven days after seizure; provided that:

13 (1) Notice is given as set forth above and the animal remains
14 unclaimed; or,

15 (2) The owner or person keeping or harboring the animal has not
16 claimed the animal and paid all expenses incurred by reason of its
17 detention, including maintenance costs not exceeding \$4.00 per day;
18 or,

19 (3) The owner or person keeping or harboring a dog which was
20 unlicensed at the time of seizure does not produce a license and
21 registration tag for the dog.

22 At the time of adoption, the right of ownership in the animal shall
23 transfer to the new owner. No dog or other animal so caught and
24 detained or procured, obtained, sent or brought to a pound or shelter
25 shall be sold or otherwise made available for the purpose of
26 experimentation. Any person who sells or otherwise makes available
27 any such dog or other animal for the purpose of experimentation shall
28 be guilty of a **【disorderly persons offense】** crime of the fourth degree.

29 After observation, any animal seized under this section suspected
30 of being rabid shall be immediately reported to the executive officer of
31 the local board of health and to the Department of Health.

32 (cf: P.L.1987, c.376, s.1)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 The penalty for selling or otherwise making available an impounded
40 animal for experimentation is a disorderly persons offense, which
41 carries a maximum term of imprisonment of six months and a
42 maximum fine of \$1,000. This bill would increase the penalty to a
43 crime of the fourth degree, which carries a maximum term of
44 imprisonment of 18 months and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 493

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 1996

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Agriculture Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 493.

The penalty for selling or otherwise making available an impounded animal for experimentation is a disorderly persons offense, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of six months and a maximum fine of \$1,000. This bill would increase the penalty to a crime of the fourth degree, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 18 months and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 493

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 1997

The Assembly Environment, Science and Technology Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 493.

The penalty for selling or otherwise making available an impounded animal for experimentation is a disorderly persons offense, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of six months and a maximum fine of \$1,000. This bill would increase the penalty to a crime of the fourth degree, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 18 months and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1244 of 1996 as also reported by the committee.