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I learned of this bill from a co worker. I feel a moral obligation to comment on behalf of cats and dogs.

I want to express concern about this bill. The problem I have is that the bill now actually allows declawing and devocalizing for reasons that I do not believe justify the cruelty inflicted on the animals. That is, these practices would be allowed basically for the convenience of people. Ultimately there is no valid reason to allow these types of surgery. If a person does not want to deal with normal cat and dog behaviors ie by clipping claws, putting claw caps on, or addressing the behavior underlying barking (which is most often owner negligence), they need to surrender their pet or - much better - do not acquire pets in the first place.

Thank you for listening.

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