STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to nonhuman primates in testing and research facilities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 504 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. (a) For the purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Certified sanctuary" means any facility that provides temporary or permanent safe haven to nonhuman primates that is fully accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries.

(2) "Nonhuman primate" means all nonhuman members of the order Primates.

(b) Any animal testing facility that no longer has need for a nonhuman primate in its possession shall, in consultation with such animal testing facility's attending veterinarian, consider options for and determine the appropriate care and treatment of such nonhuman primate, which shall include offering for release such nonhuman primate to a certified sanctuary. Such facility shall make reasonable efforts to offer such nonhuman primates to a certified sanctuary. Such animal testing facility may enter into an agreement with such certified sanctuary for the implementation of the provisions of this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph shall create a duty upon a certified sanctuary to accept a primate offered by a laboratory or institution.

(c) A higher education research facility that receives public money, including tax-exempt status, or a facility that provides research in collaboration with a higher education facility shall, no later than ninety days after this subdivision shall have become a law and annually thereafter, conspicuously post on its website the number of nonhuman

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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primates, listed by species, at the research facility that in the previous year were placed in certified sanctuaries and the names of such certified sanctuaries.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.