

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**D.C. Resolution 19-742, effective December 18, 2012**

**20 DCSTAT 551**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Proposed Resolution  
19-1187**

*To declare the existence of an emergency, due to Congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Animal Control Act of 1979 to clarify that an educational institution is permitted to have animals for educational and instructional purposes.*

**See Emergency Act  
D.C. Act 19-624  
20 DCSTAT 392**

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2012".

**Classroom Animal  
for Educational  
Purposes  
Clarification  
Congressional  
Review Emergency  
Declaration  
Resolution of 2012**

Sec. 2. (a) In September, the Council enacted the Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Emergency Act of 2012, effective October 6, 2012 (D.C. Act 19-466; 59 DCR 11767) ("emergency legislation"), and in October, the Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2012, signed by the Mayor on October 26, 2012 (D.C. Act 19-491; 59 DCR 12718) ("temporary legislation"), which amended the Animal Control Act of 1979 to clarify that an educational institution is permitted to possess classroom and instructional animals.

(b) The emergency legislation will expire on January 3, 2013. The temporary legislation has not yet been transmitted to Congress for the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and is not projected to become law before the emergency expires.

(c) It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2012 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.