



Myths

VS:

Facts

This bill protects all cats.

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Some cats will be needlessly put up for adoption, **abandoned**, or in a **worst-case scenario, euthanized**.

Declawing causes lifelong complications for cats.

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This is patently false. **There is no evidence to support this claim.**

Declawing is an unnecessary and painful procedure.

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Declawing is not a common procedure, but when it is recommended by a veterinarian it is because it is **deemed necessary for the cat's well-being**. It is not more painful or risky than spaying and neutering.

It's better to give a cat up for adoption than have it declawed.

VS:

Many shelters won't accept older cats – **they are rarely adopted** – and the first to be euthanized.

Declawing for a cat's health is protected in the bill.

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The health needs of every cat are unique. The reasons a veterinarian would be authorized to perform this procedure are narrowly listed in the bill's language. The **well-being of some cats will be negatively impacted by this bill**.

The main reason people get their cats declawed is to protect furniture.

VS:

Veterinarians perform this surgery to **protect a cat's health and well-being**.

People won't give up their cats if they can't get them declawed.

VS:

There is an **increased risk** cats will be abandoned or euthanized if declawing is outlawed.

There are no legitimate human health reasons a cat should be declawed.

VS:

Maintaining the cat-family bond is important to a cat's overall health and well-being. **Medical professionals are the most qualified to help families determine which specific medical supports are warranted.**

Shelters will take in any cats that might otherwise face declawing to stay in their existing home.

VS:

Many no-kill shelters face capacity limits and may not accept them. Kill shelters may accept them, but they are at **increased risk of euthanasia within weeks** due to capacity limits and low adoption rate for older cats.

Veterinarians are highly trained, licensed and trusted to protect animal health and welfare. **Medical decisions should be made by medical professionals – NOT politicians.**

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