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**POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS**

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**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR A595/S3376  
A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE DECLAWING OF CATS**

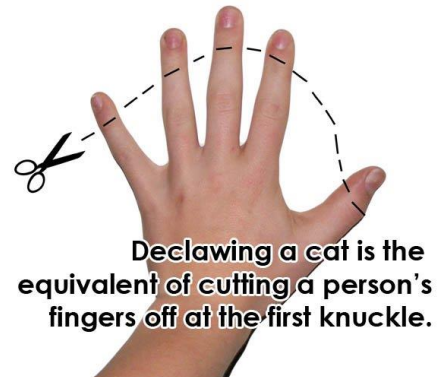
This bill would make it illegal for veterinarians to perform declawing or an onychectomy except in the case of the patient's therapeutic need. “Therapeutic need” is described as a “physical medical condition.”

Australia, Japan, and the UK are among the countries that have banned or restricted declawing.

declaw.lisaviolet.com



**It is a common misconception that declawing merely removes the nail itself, when, in fact, it removes the bones of the forepaws, which may include the pad.**



**Declawing a cat is the equivalent of cutting a person's fingers off at the first knuckle.**

**It's estimated that 50% of declawed cats suffer from complications after surgery.** There are instances of infection, and lifelong deformity. For several weeks, paws are so tender that the cat's ability to walk and jump is drastically impaired. Some cats have been known to uncomfortably walk on their hind legs to avoid using their painful forepaws, and often cannot use the litterbox thus creating even more problems for the human companion.

**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK  
STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS BILL.**

Sincerely,



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