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HOUSE BILL

[bill number]

AN ACT

prohibiting the separation of a companion animal from its owner during a declared state of emergency and prohibiting a shelter from denying admission to any person during a state of emergency because such person is accompanied by a companion animal.

SPONSORS: [sponsors]

COMMITTEE: [committee]

ANALYSIS

This bill requires that during a declared state of emergency, a companion animal not be separated from its owner and prohibits a shelter from denying admission to any person during a declared state of emergency because such person is accompanied by a companion animal.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~.

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT prohibiting the separation of a companion animal from its owner during a declared state of emergency and prohibiting a shelter from denying admission to any person during a state of emergency because such person is accompanied by a companion animal.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 New Section; State of Emergency Evacuation Orders; Companion Animals. Amend RSA 21-P
- 2 by inserting after section 37-c the following new section:
- 3 21-P:37-d State Policy for Companion Animals. During a declared state of emergency, it shall be
- 4 the policy of the state that a companion animal shall not be separated from its owner. Every effort
- 5 shall be made to keep a companion animals and its owner together, and all appropriate state
- 6 emergency planning and state sponsored emergency training shall be based on such assumptions.
- 7 During a declared state of emergency, no shelter shall deny admission to a person because such
- 8 person is accompanied by a companion animal.
- 9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.