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2022 SESSION

22-2269.0
08/04HOUSE 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.)~~
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ANALYSIS

This bill requires shelters to accept companion animals during a declared state of emergency.

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Section 2 Header

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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 animal 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.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to companion animals during a declared state of emergency.

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

- 1 1 New Subdivision; Emergency Shelter for Companion Animals. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting
- 2 after section 97 the following new subdivision:
- 3 Emergency Shelter for Companion Animals
- 4 126-A:98 State Policy for Companion Animals. During a declared state of emergency containing
- 5 an evacuation order, any hotel or community shelter which is required to shelter evacuated persons
- 6 shall also shelter any companion animal belonging to such evacuated persons.
- 7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.