

SB 535 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **535**

AN ACT defining residential breeder and imported animal for the purposes of animal transfers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Aures, Merr. 13; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill defines residential breeder and imported animal for the purposes of animal transfers.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Paragraphs; Definitions. Amend RSA 437:1 by inserting after paragraph V the following
2 new paragraphs:

3 VI. "Residential breeder" means an individual who owns and breeds dogs or cats within
4 their primary residence and not in a separate breeding facility. A residential breeder's operations
5 shall be integrated into their home environment and shall transfer no more than 50 dogs and/or cats
6 with or without a fee or donation, between January 1 and December 31 of any calendar year. A
7 residential breeder shall raise the litters in the household setting by maintaining the animals as
8 part of the family environment. A residential breeder shall not import animals for transfer with or
9 without a fee.

10 VII. "Imported animal" means the offspring of any animal which was imported into the state
11 while pregnant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any animal imported prior to
12 birth shall be considered to have met the requirements for importation if the pregnant female has
13 met the requirements for importation.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.