

SB 475 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **475**

AN ACT including a determination of the best interest of the animal in the definition of foster home.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Rep. N. Germana, Ches. 15; Rep. W. MacDonald, Rock. 16; Rep. C. Harvey, Ches. 6

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill includes a determination of the best interest of the animal in the definition of foster home.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT including a determination of the best interest of the animal in the definition of foster home.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Foster Home; Definition. Amend RSA 437:1 by inserting after paragraph V
2 the following new paragraph:

3 VI. "Foster home" means a private residence in New Hampshire associated with and
4 inspected by an animal shelter facility used to hold animals when it is deemed by a licensed
5 veterinarian to be in the best interest of the animal's health, safety, and wellbeing including
6 pregnant or lactating animals.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.