

SB 442 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL **442**

AN ACT relative to pet transfers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Lang, Dist 2;  
Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Rep. Bixby, Straf.  
13; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. C. McGuire, Merr. 27; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the titles for pet health certificates.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to pet transfers.

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

1           1 Sale of Pets and Disposition of Unclaimed Animals; Transfer of Animals and Birds; Health  
2 Certificates for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets. Amend the title of RSA 437:8 to read as follows:

3           437:8 [~~Health Certificates~~] **Official Certificates of Transfer** for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets.

4           2 ***Sale of Pets and Disposition of Unclaimed Animals; Transfer of Animals and Birds;***  
5 ***Confidentiality.*** Amend RSA 437:8-b, V to read as follows:

6           V. [~~Certificates of transfer~~] **Official certificates of transfer** shall be removed from the  
7 animal records database after 4 years.

8           3 Health Certificate; Official Certificate of Transfer. Amend RSA 437:8, VI(f) to read as follows:

9           (f) No animal shelter shall transfer any dog, cat, or ferret that is received from outside of  
10 the state without an official [~~health certificate~~] **certificate of transfer** and until the quarantine  
11 requirements in RSA 437:8, IV have been met.

12           4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.