

CHAPTER 251
SB 442 - FINAL VERSION

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2026 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

442

AN ACT

relative to pet transfers.

SPONSORS:

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

COMMITTEE:

Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the titles for pet health certificates.

Explanation:

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

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

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

1 251:1 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.

4 251:2 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 animal
7 records database after 4 years.

8 251:3 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 the
10 state without an official ~~[health certificate]~~ **certificate of transfer** and until the quarantine requirements in
11 RSA 437:8, IV have been met.

 251:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 02, 2026
Effective Date: August 31, 2026