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HOUSE BILL ***1309***

AN ACT **relative to transferring dogs, cats, and ferrets by animal shelter facilities.**

SPONSORS: **Rep. Steven Smith, Sull. 11**

COMMITTEE: **Environment and Agriculture**

ANALYSIS

This bill exempts animal shelter facilities from certain animal transfer requirements.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

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

175:1 New Paragraph; Animal Shelter Facilities; Health Certificates. Amend RSA 437:8 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. Animal shelter facilities, as defined in RSA 437:1, I, are exempt from the requirements of this section relative to transferring dogs, cats, and ferrets except that:

(a) All animal shelter facilities shall have on premises a microchip scanner and shall maintain a file of recognized pet retrieval agencies, including but not limited to national tattoo or microchip registries.

(b) Where an owner is not known, all animal shelter facilities shall inspect for tattoos, ear tags, or other permanent forms of positive identification and shall scan for a microchip upon admission of an unclaimed or abandoned animal as defined in RSA 437:18, IV and prior to transferring ownership of an unclaimed or abandoned animal.

175:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 08, 2018
Effective Date: August 07, 2018