

Amendment to SB 415

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT requiring appropriate hydration be made available to certain animals and
4 establishing a committee to study harmful weather conditions for dogs.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Animal Cruelty; Access to Water. Amend RSA 644:8, III(a) to read as follows:

9 (a) Without lawful authority negligently deprives or causes to be deprived any animal
10 in his *or her* possession or custody necessary care, sustenance, or shelter, ***including appropriate***
11 ***hydration***;

12 2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study harmful weather
13 conditions for dogs.

14 3 Membership and Compensation.

15 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

16 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

17 (b) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
18 of representatives.

19 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
20 the duties of the committee.

21 4 Duties. The committee shall review the publication entitled, "Animal Cruelty Investigation
22 and Prosecution: A User Manual for New Hampshire Law Enforcement" from the governor's
23 commission on the humane treatment of animals in order to identify if research dictates
24 temperatures above or below which dogs should be brought inside or any other weather conditions
25 which could be harmful to dogs. The committee may solicit the advice or testimony of any
26 organization with information or expertise relevant to its study.

27 5 Chairperson. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the
28 members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member.
29 The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

30 6 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
31 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
32 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, the chairperson of the senate public and municipal affairs
33 committee, the chairperson of the house environment and agriculture committee, and the state

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1 library on or before August 1, 2016.

2 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes it a crime to withhold appropriate hydration from certain animals.

This bill also establishes a committee to study harmful weather conditions for dogs.