

Amendment to HB 1448

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

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3 AN ACT relative to animal health certificates and quarantine requirements for animals
4 imported into the state.

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6 Amend RSA 437:8, IV as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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8 IV. Once a dog, cat, or ferret intended for transfer has entered the state, it shall be held at
9 least ~~[48 hours]~~ **7 days** at a facility licensed under RSA 437 or at a facility operated by a licensed
10 veterinarian separated from ***contact with*** other ***non-quarantined*** animals on the premises ***and***
11 ***shall receive a health certificate from a licensed veterinarian*** before being offered for transfer.

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13 Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

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15 4 New Paragraphs; Health Certificates for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets; Rabies Vaccinations.
16 Amend RSA 437:8 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraphs:

17 VII. No dog or cat shall be imported into New Hampshire with intent to transfer without
18 first receiving a negative test for intestinal parasites, heartworm if the dog or cat is over 6 months of
19 age, and proof of deworming issued by a licensed veterinarian within 14 days previous to the
20 transfer. The commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food shall adopt rules
21 under RSA 541-A relative to what tests are sufficient for such diseases.

22 VIII. A dog, cat, or ferret 4 months old or older shall be vaccinated against rabies at least 30
23 days before entering New Hampshire in order to receive a health certificate under this section.
24 Puppies and kittens shall not be vaccinated against rabies before 3 months of age.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes certain requirements for a dog, cat, or ferret to receive a health certificate, including a 7 day quarantine period for imported animals.