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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT establishing a committee to study adding statewide resources to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.

SPONSORS: Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Kenny, Hills. 13; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study adding a statewide resource to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study adding statewide resources to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.

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

1 8:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study adding a statewide resource
2 to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.

3 8:2 Membership and Compensation.

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

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
6 representatives.

7 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

10 8:3 Duties. The committee shall:

11 I. Examine existing training provided by the New Hampshire police standards and training council
12 and other courses that may be available either in-state or out-of-state.

13 II. Identify the best way to train law enforcement and other stakeholders including prosecutors.

14 III. Identify the best way to form a group to be a resource for others in New Hampshire.

15 IV. Recognize that having a group to assist with promptness of calls will be in the best interest of
16 animals in distress.

17 V. Work with all agencies involved in the mission.

18 VI. Identify any other issues that may be needed to fulfill the intent of this committee.

19 8:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
20 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
21 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
22 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

23 8:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
24 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the
25 senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.

26 8:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: May 08, 2025
Effective Date: May 08, 2025

