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HOUSE BILL

1153-FN-LOCAL

AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire statutes relative to cats and dogs.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. N. Germana, Ches. 15

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study New Hampshire statutes relative to cats and dogs.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire statutes relative to cats and dogs.

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

1 157:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the New Hampshire laws
2 relative to dogs and cats in RSA 466.

3 157:2 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.

10 157:3 Duties. The committee shall review and assess the following:

11 I. Are statutes consistent with current regulatory needs and practices?

12 II. Is the organization of statutory material clear, concise, and readily available?

13 157:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
14 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
15 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
16 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

17 157:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
18 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the
19 senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

20 157:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 19, 2026
Effective Date: June 19, 2026

