

CONFIDENTIAL
LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2016

Bill Number: H.746 Name of Bill: An act relating to exposure as animal cruelty

Agency/Dept: VSP-Derby Author of Bill Trooper Callie Field
Review: _____

Date of Bill Review: 1/31/16 Related Bills and Key Players: unknown

Status of Bill: (check one)

Upon Introduction As passed by 1st body As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

Support Oppose Remain Neutral Support with modifications identified in # 8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** This bill proposes to add to the animal cruelty statute exposure of companion animals to extreme temperatures in a manner that results in the animal's injury or death.
2. **Is there a need for this bill?** No.
3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?** A rise in complaints, man power and training
4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** Same issues as above
5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** Fielding call volume and whose responsibility it is
6. **Other Stakeholders:**
 - 6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why? P.E.T.S, ACO's, LEO's, Humane Agents
 - 6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why? On page 3 of 3 section (10) I see this affecting hunters who use live birds/rabbits to train their dogs.
7. **Rationale for recommendation:** better articulation of the law for enforcement issues by Humane Agents
8. **Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:** *I believe it would be covered already under Title 13 VSA 352, as long as it is articulated properly. There needs to be a*

definition for "Companion Animal." On page 3 of 3 section (10) Title 10 VSA section needs to be spelled out.

9. Will this bill create a new board or commission AND/OR add or remove appointees to an existing one? If so, which one and how many? No

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document

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Date: 2/1/16