

**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)

X Upon Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ As passed by 1<sup>st</sup> body \_\_\_\_\_ As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

x 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**