

HB 1683-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1683-FN***

AN ACT                prohibiting the docking of dog tails and the cropping of dog ears.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Rogers, Merr. 28; Rep. Schuett, Merr. 20; Rep. K. Murray, Rock. 24; Rep. Schultz, Merr. 18; Rep. Schamberg, Merr. 4; Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 6

COMMITTEE:          Environment and Agriculture

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ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the docking of dog tails and cropping of dog ears.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty*

AN ACT prohibiting the docking of dog tails and the cropping of dog ears.

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

1 1 New Section; Docking of Dog Tails; Cropping of Dog Ears. Amend RSA 332-B by inserting  
2 after section 20 the following new section:

3 332-B:21 Cosmetic and Convenience Surgery on Dogs Prohibited

4 I. No person shall perform or permit to be performed cosmetic and convenience surgery on a  
5 dog except as necessary in order to address the physical medical condition of the dog, such as an  
6 existing or recurring illness, infection, disease, injury, or abnormal condition that compromises the  
7 dog's health.

8 II. Cosmetic and convenience surgery on dogs includes but is not limited to:

9 (a) Tail docking.

10 (b) Tail nicking, setting, or blocking.

11 (c) Ear cropping.

12 (d) Devocalization or debarking.

13 (e) Onychectomy.

14 (f) Dewclaw removal.

15 2 New Subparagraph; Docking of Dog Tails; Cropping of Dog Ears. Amend RSA 332-B:14, II by  
16 inserting after subparagraph (p) the following new subparagraph:

17 (q) Violation of RSA 332-B:21 relative to the cosmetic and convenience surgery on dogs.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

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**HB 1683-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill, as introduced, as it is awaiting information from the Department of Agriculture, and Board of Veterinary Medicine, who were originally contacted on October 23, 2019, with follow up on December 12, 2019 for a fiscal note worksheet, which they have not provided as of December 20, 2019. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the House Clerk's Office.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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