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SENATE BILL

No. 547

Introduced by Senator Glazer

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Nielsen, and Wilk)**

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An act to add the heading of Part 1 (commencing with Section 32000) to, and to add Part 2 (commencing with Section 32100) to, Division 14.8 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 547, as amended, Glazer. Animals: emergency response: California Veterinary Emergency Team program.

Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California.

Existing law requires the Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with all interested state agencies with designated response roles in the state emergency plan and interested local emergency management agencies, to jointly establish by regulation a standardized emergency management system for use by all emergency response agencies, and to include specified components. Existing law requires the office to approve, adopt, and incorporate the California Animal Response Emergency System (CARES) program developed under the oversight of the Department of Food and Agriculture into the standardized emergency management system.

This bill would require the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine to develop a program called the California Veterinary Emergency Team, and would require the program to assist in the ~~coordination~~ *support* and training of a network of government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to ~~care for~~ *assist in the veterinary care of* household and domestic animals and livestock in emergencies, including disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. The bill would also require the program to conduct or support research on best practices for the evacuation and care of the animals in disasters. The bill would require the university, the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, and the Director of Emergency Services to develop a memorandum of understanding for the university to consult with the secretary and the director regarding the coordination of the program's activities with the ~~state's state government's~~ disaster response practices and the deployment of ~~participants of the program's network~~ *the program's participants* during disasters. The bill would require these provisions to apply to the university only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by resolution, make any of these provisions applicable to the university.

The bill would establish the California Veterinary Emergency Team Fund in the State Treasury to, upon appropriation, be used solely to support the program. The bill would specify that moneys in the fund are not to be considered offsets to any other state funds appropriated to the university.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The heading of Part 1 (commencing with Section
2 32000) is added to Division 14.8 of the Food and Agricultural
3 Code, to read:

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5 PART 1. ANIMAL FACILITIES AND SHELTERS

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7 SEC. 2. Part 2 (commencing with Section 32100) is added to
8 Division 14.8 of the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

PART 2. CALIFORNIA VETERINARY EMERGENCY TEAM
PROGRAM

32100. This part shall apply to the University of California only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by resolution, make any of these provisions applicable to the university.

32101. (a) The University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine shall develop a program called the California Veterinary Emergency Team. The program shall assist in the ~~coordination~~ *support* and training of a network of government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to ~~care~~ *for assist in the veterinary care of* household and domestic animals and livestock in emergencies, including disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. The program shall also conduct or support research on best practices for the evacuation and care of the animals in disasters.

(b) The program shall ensure that the training and the care provided by or coordinated by the program are at levels that are consistent with those standards generally accepted within the veterinary profession.

(c) The University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, the secretary, and the Director of Emergency Services shall develop a memorandum of understanding for the university to consult with the secretary and the director regarding the coordination of the program's activities with the ~~state's~~ *state government's* disaster response practices and the deployment of ~~participants of the program's network~~ *the program's participants* during disasters.

(d) For purposes of this part, "program" means the California Veterinary Emergency Team.

32102. The California Veterinary Emergency Team Fund is hereby established in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund, upon an appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute for this purpose, shall be used solely to support the program, including, but not limited to, funding the network of services and other program elements necessary to successfully establish and implement the program.

32103. Funds made available from the California Veterinary Emergency Team Fund pursuant to this part shall not be considered

1 an offset to any other state funds appropriated to the University of
 2 California.

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5 **REVISIONS:**

6 **Heading—Line 4.**

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