



ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4186 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Julie Alexander

House Committee: Agriculture Senate Committee: Agriculture

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 287 of 1969, which regulates pet shops, animal control shelters, and animal protection shelters, to modify the definition of "animal".

The Act defines "animal" as a vertebrate other than a human being. Under the bill, except as provided in Section 8b, "animal" would mean a mammal except livestock and rodents.

Section 8b (also referred to as "Logan's Law") allows an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter to conduct a search using the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) before allowing an individual to adopt an animal, in order to determine whether he or she has a prior criminal history for an animal abuse offense. Section 8c allows an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter to consider an individual's criminal history when deciding whether to allow that individual to adopt an animal. Under the bill, for the purposes of Section 8b and 8c only, "animal" would mean a vertebrate other than a human being.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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