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Amendment to HB 1186

1 Amend RSA 126-A:98 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 126-A:98 State Policy for Companion Animals. During a declared state of emergency as defined  
4 in RSA 4:45, III(c) containing an evacuation order, any hotel or community shelter that shelters  
5 evacuated persons shall allow disaster animal response trailers, or other reasonable  
6 accommodations, on site to accommodate any companion animal belonging to such evacuated  
7 persons. The maximum number of animals per family entering the hotel or community shelter shall  
8 comply with local ordinances. For the purpose of this section, "companion animal" means a cat, dog,  
9 or other legally-owned animal kept in an enclosure that might typically be found in a home. During  
10 such emergency, any volunteer who has been vetted by the department of health and human services  
11 and is a member of the disaster animal response team and is assisting evacuated persons and  
12 companion animals shall be considered an emergency worker under RSA 21-P:41, VI(c).