

Amendment to HB 1186

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Subdivision; Emergency Shelter for Companion Animals. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting
4 after section 97 the following new subdivision:

5 Emergency Shelter for Companion Animals

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