## CHAPTER 130 HB 361 - FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL 361

AN ACT relative to property settlement including animals.

SPONSORS: Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 14

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

#### **ANALYSIS**

This bill includes animals as tangible property in a divorce settlement.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

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

- 1 130:1 New Paragraph; Annulment, Divorce and Separation; Property Settlement; Animals.
  2 Amend RSA 458:16-a by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:
  3 II-a. Tangible property shall include animals. In such cases, the property settlement shall address the care and ownership of the parties' animals, taking into consideration the animals' wellbeing.
  - 130:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 25, 2019

Effective Date: August 24, 2019