

HB 1102-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2024 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            ***1102-FN***

AN ACT                relative to the definition of animal cruelty.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Read, Rock. 10

COMMITTEE:          Environment and Agriculture

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ANALYSIS

This bill adds the sale of certain animals with deformities to the definition of animal cruelty.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four*

AN ACT                      relative to the definition of animal cruelty.

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

- 1            1 Animal Cruelty; Breeding Deformities. Amend RSA 644:8, III(g)-(h) to read as follows:  
2                      (g) Sells an equine colt that is less than 90 days old that is not being nursed by its dam;  
3            [or]  
4                      (h) ***Sells an animal that has a birth deformity that causes suffering, such as***  
5            ***brachycephaly, or the intentional breeding with the intent to sell, 2 individual animals***  
6            ***with the same birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly; or***  
7                      (i) Otherwise negligently permits or causes any animal in his or her possession or  
8            custody to be subjected to cruelty, inhumane treatment, or unnecessary suffering of any kind.  
9            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

**HB 1102-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**        ☒ State                      ☒ County                      ☒ Local                      ☐ None

<b>Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)</b>				
	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
<b>Appropriations</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

<b>Estimated Political Subdivision Impact - Increase / (Decrease)</b>				
	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>County Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>County Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: [https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal\\_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf](https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf)

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association