



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

**Committee Bill No. 5186**

LCO No. 4268

\*04268HB05186PS\_\*

Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVACUATION OF PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (4) of section 28-1 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (4) "Civil preparedness" means all those activities and measures  
5 designed or undertaken (A) to minimize or control the effects upon the  
6 civilian population of major disaster, (B) to minimize the effects upon  
7 the civilian population caused or which would be caused by an attack  
8 upon the United States, (C) to deal with the immediate emergency  
9 conditions which would be created by any such attack, major disaster  
10 or emergency, and (D) to effectuate emergency repairs to, or the  
11 emergency restoration of, vital utilities and facilities destroyed or  
12 damaged by any such attack, major disaster or emergency. Such term  
13 shall include, but shall not be limited to, (i) measures to be taken in  
14 preparation for anticipated attack, major disaster or emergency,  
15 including the establishment of appropriate organizations, operational  
16 plans and supporting agreements; the recruitment and training of

17 personnel; the conduct of research; the procurement and stockpiling of  
18 necessary materials and supplies; the provision of suitable warning  
19 systems; the construction and preparation of shelters, shelter areas and  
20 control centers; and, when appropriate, the nonmilitary evacuation of  
21 the civilian population, pets and service animals; (ii) measures to be  
22 taken during attack, major disaster or emergency, including the  
23 enforcement of passive defense regulations prescribed by duly  
24 established military or civil authorities; the evacuation of personnel to  
25 shelter areas; the control of traffic and panic; and the control and use of  
26 lighting and civil communication; and (iii) measures to be taken  
27 following attack, major disaster or emergency, including activities for  
28 fire fighting; rescue, emergency medical, health and sanitation  
29 services; monitoring for specific hazards of special weapons;  
30 unexploded bomb reconnaissance; essential debris clearance;  
31 emergency welfare measures; and immediately essential emergency  
32 repair or restoration of damaged vital facilities.

33 Sec. 2. Section 28-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

35 (a) Each town or city of the state shall establish a local organization  
36 for civil preparedness in accordance with the state civil preparedness  
37 plan and program, provided any two or more towns or cities may,  
38 with the approval of the commissioner, establish a joint organization  
39 for civil preparedness. The authority of such local or joint organization  
40 for civil preparedness shall not supersede that of any regularly  
41 organized police or fire department. No town or city of the state shall  
42 be eligible for any state or federal benefits under this chapter until such  
43 town or city has submitted to the commissioner an emergency plan of  
44 operations approved by the local director of civil preparedness and the  
45 local chief executive which is subsequently approved by the  
46 commissioner. Such emergency plan of operations shall not be  
47 approved by the commissioner unless it provides for the evacuation of  
48 pets and service animals of disabled individuals in case of a major  
49 disaster or emergency.

50 (b) Each local organization for civil preparedness shall consist of an  
51 advisory council and a director appointed by the chief executive  
52 officer. The advisory council shall contain representatives of city or  
53 town agencies concerned with civil preparedness and representatives  
54 of interests, including business, labor, agriculture, veterans, women's  
55 groups and others, which are important to the civil preparedness  
56 program in the particular community. The director shall be responsible  
57 for the organization, administration and operation of such local  
58 organization, subject to the direction and control of the commissioner.  
59 The chief executive officer may remove any local director for cause.

60 (c) Each local or joint organization shall perform such civil  
61 preparedness functions in the territorial limits within which it is  
62 organized as the commissioner prescribes. In addition, such local or  
63 joint organization shall conduct such functions outside such territorial  
64 limits as are prescribed by the state civil preparedness plan and  
65 program or by the terms of any mutual aid agreements to which the  
66 town is a party.

67 (d) The director of each local or joint organization may, with the  
68 approval of the commissioner, collaborate with other public and  
69 private agencies within the state and develop or cause to be developed  
70 mutual aid agreements for civil preparedness aid and assistance in  
71 case of disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted. The director of  
72 such joint or local organization may, with the approval of the  
73 commissioner, enter into such mutual aid agreements with civil  
74 preparedness agencies or organizations in other states. Such  
75 agreements shall be consistent with the state civil preparedness plan  
76 and program and, in time of emergency, each local or joint  
77 organization shall render assistance in accordance with the provisions  
78 of such agreements to which it is a party unless otherwise ordered by  
79 the commissioner.

80 (e) Each town or city shall have the power to make appropriations  
81 for the payment of salaries and expenses of its local or joint

82 organization or any other civil preparedness agencies or  
83 instrumentalities.

84 (f) In the event of a serious disaster or of a sudden emergency, when  
85 such action is deemed necessary for the protection of the health and  
86 safety of the people, and upon request of the local chief executive  
87 authority, the Governor or the commissioner, without regard to the  
88 provisions of section 22a-148, may authorize the temporary use of such  
89 civil preparedness forces, including civil preparedness auxiliary police  
90 and firemen, as he deems necessary. Personnel of such civil  
91 preparedness forces shall be so employed only with their consent. The  
92 provisions of section 28-14 shall apply to personnel so employed.

93 (g) The state shall reimburse any town or city rendering aid under  
94 this section for the compensation paid and actual and necessary travel,  
95 subsistence and maintenance expenses of employees of such town or  
96 city while rendering such aid, and for all payments for death, disability  
97 or injury of such employees in the course of rendering such aid and for  
98 all losses of or damage to supplies or equipment of such town or city  
99 incurred in the course of rendering such aid.

100 (h) Whenever, in the judgment of a local civil preparedness director,  
101 with prior approval of the commissioner, it is deemed essential to  
102 authorize the temporary assignment, with their consent, of any  
103 members of civil preparedness forces who are not paid employees of  
104 the state or any political subdivision thereof, for a temporary civil  
105 preparedness mission, the provisions of section 28-14 shall apply. A  
106 complete written record of the conditions and dates of such  
107 assignment shall be maintained by the local director concerned and  
108 such record shall be available for examination by the commissioner  
109 and the Attorney General. The commissioner shall establish the  
110 necessary procedures to administer this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

---

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	28-1(4)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	28-7

**Statement of Purpose:**

To include the evacuation of pets and service animals in state and local emergency plans of operation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

Co-Sponsors: REP. WITKOS, 17th Dist.

H.B. 5186