

Testimony Concerning Committee Bill No. 5361
Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE,
Linda DeLuca

I would like to thank the above named committee for the opportunity to express my support of Bill No. 5361 .

I CARE ABOUT ANIMALS AND WHY THIS BILL NEEDS TO BE SUPPORTED

When I changed our insurance carrier two years ago, I was asked if I had any pets, etc. I was glad, at the time that I did not have any pets to declare, know that certain breeds were not desirable in obtaining homeowners insurance.

However I thought of my closest friend who became the owner of a pit bull that was abandoned at a construction site where her son was working. It was winter and bitter cold. The young dog only had a cardboard box for protection. The crew fed the dog, but when the job was over, there was no one to look after it, so my friend's son took the dog home to his mother (a widow) as he already had two large dogs. Eight years later this pit bull is a loving and close companion. I don't know if her insurance company is aware of the breed of dog, but I know she would never give him up for any reason.

I am thankful that I live in a state that cares about animals and uses legislation to protect them. Please consider protecting all animals, including those that have undeserved reputations. There was a time when black cats were also discriminated against and killed.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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