
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1282

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM QUARANTINE FOR CERTAIN DOGS AND CATS EXPOSED TO RABIES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the owner or keeper of an animal that was attacked and potentially exposed to rabies to have the animal (1) quarantined for at least four months and (2) vaccinated against rabies as soon as medically appropriate. The quarantine must be as directed by a licensed veterinarian or the state veterinarian. (Under current Connecticut practice, an animal must stay quarantined for at least six months.)

By law, violators of the quarantine or vaccination requirements are subject to a fine of at least \$250, up to 30 days in prison, or both (CGS § 22-367).

The bill makes obsolete and eliminates a waiver request process that current law requires the agriculture commissioner to develop. This waiver process allows an animal's owner, keeper, or veterinarian to request a reduction in the requisite six-month quarantine period to four months if the person provides proof that the animal was vaccinated against rabies within 96 hours after the attack.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35 Nay 0 (02/28/2025)