

# Environment Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1282

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM QUARANTINE FOR CERTAIN DOGS

**Title:** AND CATS EXPOSED TO RABIES.

**Vote Date:** 2/28/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/19/2025

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Environment Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

To reduce the minimum quarantine time from six to four months for dogs, cats and other animals that have been attacked and that may have been exposed to rabies..

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

### **Brian Hurlburt, Commissioner, CT Department of Agriculture**

The CT Department of Agriculture Supports SB 1282. They state that given the recent recommendations from the CDC, and in consultation with the State Veterinarian, the Department of Agriculture is supportive of updating current processes to remove the redction waiver language in place and adhere to a 4-month quarantine period, provided such animal is vaccinated against rabies as soon a medically able.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

### **James Bias, CAWA, Executive Director, CT Humane Society**

The CT Humane Society Supports SB 1282. The current regulations require dogs and cats presented with a wound of unknown origin must be quarantined a minimum of six monts. Most east coast states have a required four-month quarantine period for the same circumstances. The reduction of two months will allow many more animals to be housed with positive outcomes without risking public safety.

**Julia Shakeri, DVM, DABVP**

Dr. Shakeri Supports SB 1282. As a veterinarian with 15 years of experience in emergency and specialty medicine, as well as extensive work with recues, I agree with the proposal to shorten the quarantine period for animals exposed to rabies from 6 months to 4 months. This approach better reflects current scientific understanding of rabies exposure. Shortening the quarantine time would not only reduce unnecessary stress on animals but also enable more timely interventions for pets and their owners.

**40 Connecticut Citizens sent in Testimony Supporting SB 1282**

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

**Reported by: Judy Ganswindt**

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