



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

***Raised Bill No. 1282***

LCO No. 3766



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

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

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-359f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner of  
4 Agriculture shall develop a waiver request process and form for the  
5 owner, keeper or veterinarian for any animal that was attacked and that  
6 may have been exposed to rabies as a result of such attack to request a  
7 reduction of the requisite quarantine period for such animal from six  
8 months to four months if such owner, keeper or veterinarian submits  
9 proof with such waiver request that such animal was vaccinated for  
10 rabies not more than ninety-six hours after such attack. Such waiver  
11 request process and form shall be: (1) Posted on the Internet web site of  
12 the Department of Agriculture, (2) made publicly available and  
13 accessible, and (3) made known to veterinarians throughout the state by  
14 said department.] The owner or keeper of any animal that was attacked  
15 and that may have been exposed to rabies as a result of such attack shall

16 quarantine the animal for a minimum of four months. The owner or  
17 keeper of the animal shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies as  
18 soon as medically appropriate. Such quarantine shall be provided as  
19 directed by a licensed veterinarian in this state or the State Veterinarian.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-359f
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***Statement of Purpose:***

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.

***[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.]***