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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1809

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

February 18, 2014

An act to add Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 121720) to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to veterinary public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1809, as amended, Maienschein. Dogs: health certificates.

Existing law imposes specified requirements on animal owners in order to prevent or control the transmission of zoonotic diseases, such as rabies, and communicable diseases amongst animals. Existing law also provides for the licensing and registration of dogs, as specified.

This bill would require a person seeking to bring a dog into this state, or importing dogs into this state for the purpose of resale or change of ownership, to obtain a health certificate with respect to that dog that has been completed by a licensed veterinarian and is dated within 10 days prior to the date on which the dog is brought into the state. The bill would require the person to submit the health certificate to the county health department, as specified. The bill would exempt from these requirements a person who brings a dog into the state that will not be offered for resale or if the ownership of the dog ~~will not~~ *is not expected to change. The bill also would exempt from these requirements the import of a dog used for law enforcement or military work, a guide*

dog, as defined, or a dog imported as a result of a declared emergency or an investigation by law enforcement of an alleged violation of state or federal animal fighting or animal cruelty laws. The bill would authorize the agency receiving the health certificate to use the information on the health certificate as it deems appropriate, and to charge a fee in a reasonable amount sufficient to cover the costs associated with receiving and processing a health certificate submitted to the county health department pursuant to these provisions. By imposing a higher level of service on county health agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 121720)
2 is added to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code,
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 1.5. DOG IMPORTATION: HEALTH CERTIFICATES

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7 121720. (a) (1) A person seeking to bring a dog into this state
8 or importing dogs into this state for the purpose of resale or change
9 of ownership shall obtain a health certificate with respect to that
10 dog that has been completed by a licensed veterinarian and is dated
11 within 10 days prior to the date on which the dog is brought into
12 the state.

13 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (c), the person described
14 in paragraph (1) shall submit the health certificate to the county
15 health department. The person may submit the health certificate
16 to the county health department by electronic transmission,
17 facsimile, or any other method accepted by the receiving agency.

18 (b) Completion of a United States Department of Agriculture
19 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Form 7001, known
20 as the United States Interstate and International Certificate of

1 Health Examination for Small Animals, shall satisfy the
2 requirement of subdivision (a). A different form of canine health
3 certificate acceptable to the receiving agency shall also satisfy the
4 requirement of subdivision (a).

5 (c) It shall be the responsibility of persons importing dogs into
6 this state for the purpose of resale or change of ownership to send
7 the health certificate to the county health department where the
8 dog is to be offered for sale or to the county of residence of the
9 individual purchasing *or receiving* a dog directly from a source
10 outside of California.

11 (d) The receiving agency may use the information on the health
12 certificate as it deems appropriate.

13 121721. (a) This chapter does not apply to a person who
14 brings a dog into the state that will not be offered for resale or if
15 the ownership of the dog ~~will not~~ *is not expected to change*.

16 (b) *This chapter does not apply to the import of a dog used for*
17 *law enforcement or military work, a guide dog, as defined by*
18 *subdivision (d) of Section 365.5 of the Penal Code, or a dog*
19 *imported as a result of a declared emergency as described by*
20 *Section 8558 of the Government Code or an investigation by law*
21 *enforcement of an alleged violation of state or federal animal*
22 *fighting or animal cruelty laws.*

23 121722. The agency that receives a form pursuant to Section
24 121720 may charge a fee in a reasonable amount sufficient to cover
25 the costs associated with receiving and processing a health
26 certificate submitted to the agency pursuant to this chapter.

27 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
28 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
29 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
30 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
31 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section
32 17556 of the Government Code.