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Assembly Bill 2568

Animal Evacuatiions

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Summary

Would require an individual as a condition for obtaining a permit to keep an animal within city or county limits, to create and submit an animal wildfire evacuation plan.

Background

In recent years, California experienced natural disasters that were catastrophic for the state. The disasters not only highlighted serious needs for being prepared and having evacuation plans for people, but also highlighted a need for evacuation plans for animals. When animals are not evacuated, first responders and other "good Samaritans" are put in danger while trying to save these animals. Additionally, without evacuating animals, they are left vulnerable to pain and suffering and potentially may perish as a result.

This Bill

Certain jurisdictions require a person to apply for a permit if they have over a certain number (as determined by that jurisdiction) of animals under their care. For instance, in Santa Barbara County, an individual is required to have a permit if they own four or more dogs or cats. This bill would require the issuing entity to ask if the applicant has an emergency evacuation plan. The level of

sophistication of the evacuation plan required would be determined by the respective local agency.

Support

Social Compassion in Legislation (Sponsor)

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