
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 332 (Lee) - Rabies control data

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Urgency: No

Hearing Date: June 26, 2023

Policy Vote: HEALTH 12 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 332 would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to collect specified rabies control program data.

Fiscal Impact:

- CDPH estimates ongoing costs of \$111,000 (General Fund) to manage the collection of the required information across all local governing entities.
- Costs to local governments for administration of data collection would be potentially reimbursable by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates.

Background: Current law requires dog owners, after the dog is three months old, to at intervals of time not more often than once a year, as prescribed by CDPH, procure its vaccination by a licensed veterinarian with a canine antirabies vaccine, as specified. Local governments may specify the means by which a dog's owner is required to provide proof of the dog's rabies vaccination. Current law requires local governments to maintain or provide for the maintenance of an animal shelter system and a rabies control program for the purpose of carrying out and enforcing this requirement.

Proposed Law: AB 332 would require CDPH to collect rabies control program data from each city, city and county, or county annually, or quarterly if deemed necessary, including:

- Total number of dogs and cats licensed.
- Number of public rabies vaccinations administered.
- Number of domestic dogs and cats received by local animal control authorities, including, but not limited to, number surrendered by owner, by the public, or transferred from other shelters.
- Number of domestic dogs and cats discharged by local animal control authorities, including, but not limited to, number reclaimed by owner, adopted, relinquished to a rescue organization, euthanized, died, or transferred to another shelter.
- Animal bite data deemed necessary by CDPH.
- Animal rabies quarantine data deemed necessary by CDPH.
- Any other data deemed necessary by CDPH.

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