

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2362**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rubio**

February 14, 2018

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An act to add Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 122390) to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2362, as introduced, Rubio. Safe transportation of dogs and cats.

Existing law governs the retail sale of dogs and cats by pet dealers, as defined, and establishes minimum standards for the care of those animals, as specified.

This bill would establish health and safety standards for mobile or traveling housing facilities for dogs and cats, including standards governing sufficient heating and cooling, ventilation, and lighting. The bill would establish minimum and maximum temperatures and would require, among other things, that dry bedding and auxiliary ventilation be provided under certain circumstances. The bill would apply to public and private organizations, including animal shelters, rescue groups, humane society shelters, and for-profit entities, as specified.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 122390)
- 2 is added to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code,
- 3 to read:

## 1 CHAPTER 12. SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS

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3 122390. Mobile or traveling housing facilities for dogs and  
4 cats shall be sufficiently heated and cooled when necessary to  
5 protect the dogs and cats from temperature or humidity extremes  
6 and to provide for their health and well-being. The ambient  
7 temperature in the mobile or traveling housing facility shall not  
8 fall below 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius) for dogs  
9 and cats not acclimated to lower temperatures, for those breeds,  
10 such as dogs with little fur, that cannot tolerate lower temperatures  
11 without stress or discomfort, and for sick, aged, young, or infirm  
12 dogs and cats. Dry bedding, solid resting boards, or other methods  
13 of conserving body heat shall be provided when temperatures are  
14 below 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius). The ambient  
15 temperature shall not fall below 45 degrees Fahrenheit (7.2 degrees  
16 Celsius) for more than 4 consecutive hours when dogs or cats are  
17 present, and shall not exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit (29.5 degrees  
18 Celsius) for more than four consecutive hours when dogs or cats  
19 are present.

20 122391. Mobile or traveling housing facilities for dogs and  
21 cats shall be sufficiently ventilated at all times when dogs or cats  
22 are present to provide for the health and well-being of the animals,  
23 and to minimize odors, drafts, ammonia levels, moisture  
24 condensation, and exhaust fumes. Ventilation shall be provided  
25 by means of windows, doors, vents, fans, or air conditioning.  
26 Auxiliary ventilation, such as fans, blowers, or air conditioning,  
27 shall be provided when the ambient temperature within the animal  
28 housing area is 85 degrees Fahrenheit (29.5 degrees Celsius) or  
29 higher.

30 122392. Mobile or traveling housing facilities for dogs and  
31 cats shall be lighted well enough to permit proper cleaning and  
32 inspection of the facility, and observation of the dogs and cats.  
33 Animal areas shall be provided a regular diurnal lighting cycle of  
34 either natural or artificial light. Lighting shall be uniformly diffused  
35 throughout animal facilities and provide sufficient illumination to  
36 aid in maintaining good housekeeping practices, adequate cleaning,  
37 adequate inspection of animals, and for the well-being of the  
38 animals.

39 122393. This chapter applies to a public animal control agency  
40 or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter,

1 humane society shelter, or rescue group that is in a cooperative  
2 agreement with at least one private or public shelter pursuant to  
3 Section 31108, 31752, or 31753 of the Food and Agricultural Code,  
4 and to a public or private for-profit entity that uses mobile or  
5 traveling housing facilities for dogs and cats.

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