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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1809**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein**

February 18, 2014

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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 exempt from that requirement a person who brings a dog into the state for no longer than 7 consecutive days in order to participate in a dog show or exhibition.~~ 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 change.* 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  
21 Health Examination for Small Animals, shall satisfy the  
22 requirement of subdivision (a). A different form of canine health  
23 certificate acceptable to the receiving agency shall also satisfy the  
24 requirement of subdivision (a).

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

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

9 121721. This chapter does not apply to a person who brings a  
10 dog into the state ~~for no longer than seven consecutive days in~~  
11 ~~order to participate in a dog show or exhibition.~~ *that will not be*  
12 *offered for resale or if the ownership of the dog will not change.*

13 121722. The agency that receives a form pursuant to Section  
14 121720 may charge a fee in a reasonable amount sufficient to cover  
15 the costs associated with receiving and processing a health  
16 certificate submitted to the agency pursuant to this chapter.

17 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
18 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
19 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service  
20 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or  
21 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section  
22 17556 of the Government Code.