

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—SENATORS WIENER;
AMODEI, BREEDEN, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN,
COPENING, HARDY, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS,
MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS, RAGGIO, RHOADS,
SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WOODHOUSE

MARCH 26, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN SEGERBLOM; AIZLEY,
ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY,
CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN,
DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT, GOEDHART,
GOICOECHEA, GRADY, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY,
HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO,
LESLIE, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN,
MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL,
PARNELL, PIERCE, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPIEGEL,
STEWART AND WOODBURY

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Promotes awareness of building, fire and life safety
standards for certain facilities that board animals.
(BDR R-1023)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted-material]** is material to be omitted.

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of building, fire and life safety standards for certain
facilities that board animals.

- 1 WHEREAS, The human-animal bond is a mutually beneficial and
- 2 dynamic relationship between people and animals that is influenced
- 3 by behaviors that are essential to the health and well-being of both;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Facilities that house animals are broadly classified as
- 6 storage or retail facilities, and based upon review of available fire
- 7 loss data, the current building, fire and life safety codes do not
- 8 address the safety of the animal occupants; and



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1 WHEREAS, These facilities are subject to disasters such as fire,
2 flooding, high winds, earthquakes, blizzards, hazardous material
3 spills and any number of other events; and

4 WHEREAS, Both domesticated and feral animals lack the ability
5 of self-preservation when housed in buildings and other structures
6 and are unable to escape or care for themselves in a fire; and

7 WHEREAS, Traditional building, fire and life safety codes lack
8 specificity and do not address mandates such as the fire resistance
9 rating of structural elements, smoke management systems, fire
10 sprinklers, fire alarms and means of egress for animal inhabitants;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The National Fire Protection Association, through
13 the efforts of its Technical Committee on Animal Housing
14 Facilities, has taken an important step forward to remedy this
15 situation by publishing *NFPA 150: Standard on Fire and Life Safety
16 in Animal Housing Facilities*, which provides minimum
17 requirements for the design, construction, fire protection and
18 classification of animal housing facilities and provides additional
19 safeguards for animals; and

20 WHEREAS, The Technical Committee, with members from
21 various interest groups such as consultants, government officials,
22 manufacturers, zoos, insurance companies, animal welfare
23 organizations, works to facilitate better care for all animals; and

24 WHEREAS, According to *NFPA 101: Life Safety Code*, which is
25 enforced in 40 states, storage occupancies are defined as those
26 occupancies used for the storage or sheltering of goods,
27 merchandise, products, vehicles or animals, and *NFPA 150* bridges
28 the gap between the adopted fire and building codes with regard to
29 facilities that care for or manage animals; now, therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
31 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of
32 the Nevada Legislature join with all Nevadans in encouraging the
33 establishment and enforcement of building, fire and life safety codes
34 that protect animals that have been put in our care; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That this Legislature supports *NFPA 150* as a
36 standard for the housing and protection of animals; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
38 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Nevada Veterinary Medical
39 Association, Nevada Humane Society, SPCA of Northern Nevada,
40 Nevada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Nevada
41 State Fire Marshal, Fire Chief of the Clark County Fire Department,
42 Nevada Association of Counties, and Nevada League of Cities and
43 Municipalities for distribution to their members, as appropriate.

