

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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Promoting awareness of building, fire and life safety standards for certain facilities that board animals.

WHEREAS, The human-animal bond is a mutually beneficial and dynamic relationship between people and animals that is influenced by behaviors that are essential to the health and well-being of both; and

WHEREAS, Facilities that house animals are broadly classified as storage or retail facilities, and based upon review of available fire loss data, the current building, fire and life safety codes do not address the safety of the animal occupants; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The National Fire Protection Association, through the efforts of its Technical Committee on Animal Housing Facilities, has taken an important step forward to remedy this situation by publishing *NFPA 150: Standard on Fire and Life Safety*



in *Animal Housing Facilities*, which provides minimum requirements for the design, construction, fire protection and classification of animal housing facilities and provides additional safeguards for animals; and

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

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

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

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

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

