



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 580

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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Senate Bill 580 amends the process by which animals are taken into custody by political subdivisions. Among other provisions, the bill requires that when an animal is returned to its owner, the owner must have implanted, or assure the implantation of, a microchip in the animal for purposes of identification. The bill also provides that when a political subdivision provides for the care of an animal through a contractor, the contractor, as well as the political subdivision, may petition a circuit court for an order regarding the care and disposal of the animal.

Senate Amendment 1 removes the microchip requirements from the bill.

Senate Amendment 2 provides that a contractor may petition a circuit court for an order regarding the care and disposal of an animal only with the consent of the contracting political subdivision.

Legislative History

On April 8, 2010, the Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations took the following actions:

1. Adopted Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.
2. Adopted Senate Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.
3. Recommended passage of Senate Bill 580, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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