



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 426

May 31, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives WIECKERT, DUFF, KRAWCZYK, MUSSER, TOWNSEND, AINSWORTH, PLOUFF, JESKEWITZ, SYKORA, VRAKAS, KREIBICH, MCCORMICK, LASSA and OTT, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN, COWLES and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Public Health.

1 **AN ACT to create** 173.23 (4) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** the euthanization
2 of animals in custody.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision) that has custody of an animal, or a person who has custody of an animal on behalf of a political subdivision, to have the animal euthanized if there are reasonable grounds to believe any of the following:

1. That the animal is hopelessly injured beyond any reasonable chance of recovery.
2. That the animal poses an imminent threat to public health or safety.
3. That the animal poses an imminent threat to the health or safety of itself or its custodian.

This bill authorizes a political subdivision that has custody of an animal, or a person who has custody of an animal on behalf of a political subdivision, to have the animal euthanized if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the animal poses an imminent threat to the health of other animals, as determined by a veterinarian.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 173.23 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

