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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 749

December 19, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives KELSO, GROTHMAN, BRANDEMUEHL, AINSWORTH, LADWIG, OTT, SCHNEIDERS, SKINDRUD, GOETSCH, OLSEN, ZUKOWSKI and RILEY, cosponsored by Senators DRZEWIECKI and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

AN ACT ***to create*** 174.046 (10) of the statutes; **relating to:** the destruction of dogs that have contagious diseases or are suffering.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a stray dog has been in the custody of a humane officer, law enforcement officer or pound for more than 7 days without being claimed by the owner, the officer or pound may release the dog to a person other than the owner or destroy the dog. Under this bill, a humane officer, law enforcement officer or pound to whom a dog is delivered may, with the approval of a veterinarian, destroy the dog sooner than 7 days after receiving the dog if the dog has a contagious disease or is suffering.

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

SECTION 1. 174.046 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

174.046 **(10)** DISEASED OR INJURED DOG. Notwithstanding sub. (9), the officer or pound to whom a dog is delivered may, with the approval of a veterinarian, destroy the dog in a proper and humane manner sooner than 7 days after receiving the dog if the dog has a contagious disease or is suffering.

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