



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-Second Legislature, First Regular Session*

**AMENDED**  
FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1198

impounded cats; waiting period; applicability

Purpose

Modifies requirements on waiting periods for impounded dogs or cats.

Background

Current statute allows the board of supervisors in each county to provide or authorize a county pound or pounds or enter into a cooperative agreement with a city, a veterinarian or an Arizona incorporated humane society for the establishment and operation of a county pound. Any stray dog obtained by the county is required to be impounded. All dogs and cats that are impounded by the county must be given proper care and maintenance. Additionally, each impounded cat or stray dog must be kept and maintained at the county pound for a minimum of 72 hours, or 120 hours for an animal that is wearing a license, unless claimed or surrendered by its owner (A.R.S. § 11-1013).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires a dog or a cat to be kept and maintained at the county pound for a minimum of 120 hours if the impounded animal has a microchip or any other discernible form of owner identification, unless the animal is claimed or surrendered by its owner.
2. Allows an exemption from the mandatory holding period for any impounded cat that is eligible for a sterilization program and that will be returned to the vicinity where the cat was originally captured.
3. States the 72 hour minimum holding period is required for each stray dog or any impounded cat not eligible for a sterilization program.
4. Defines *eligible* to mean a cat that is living outdoors, lacks any discernable identification, is of sound health and possess its claws.
5. Makes technical and conforming changes.
6. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendment adopted by Committee of the Whole

- Clarifies all stray dogs and impounded cats not eligible for a sterilization program are to be held for a minimum period.

Senate Action

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