

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1138**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein**

February 17, 2017

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An act to amend Section 121720 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1138, as introduced, Maienschein. Public health: dogs.

Existing law requires a person seeking to bring a dog into this state or importing dogs into this state for the purpose of resale or change of ownership to obtain a health certificate with respect to that dog that has been completed by a licensed veterinarian and is dated within 10 days prior to the date on which the dog is brought into the state, as specified.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 121720 of the Health and Safety Code  
2 is amended to read:  
3 121720. (a) (1) A person seeking to bring a dog into this state  
4 or importing dogs into this state for the purpose of resale or change  
5 of ownership shall obtain a health certificate with respect to that  
6 dog that has been completed by a licensed veterinarian and is dated  
7 within 10 days prior to the date on which the dog is brought into  
8 the state.

1 (2) The person seeking to bring the dog into this state or  
2 importing dogs into this state for the purpose of resale or change  
3 of ownership shall submit the health certificate to the county health  
4 department as provided in subdivision (c). The person shall submit  
5 the health certificate to the county health department by any method  
6 accepted by the receiving agency, including, but not limited to,  
7 electronic transmission and facsimile.

8 (b) Completion of a United States Department of Agriculture  
9 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Form 7001, known  
10 as the United States Interstate and International Certificate of  
11 Health Examination for Small Animals, shall satisfy the  
12 requirement of subdivision (a). A different form of canine health  
13 certificate acceptable to the receiving agency shall also satisfy the  
14 requirement of subdivision (a).

15 (c) It shall be the responsibility of ~~persons~~ *the person* importing  
16 ~~dogs~~ *the dog* into this state for the purpose of resale or change of  
17 ownership to send the health certificate to the county health  
18 department where the dog is to be offered for sale or to the county  
19 of residence of the individual purchasing or receiving a dog directly  
20 from a source outside of California.

21 (d) The receiving agency may use the information on the health  
22 certificate as it deems appropriate.