



Home	Bill Information	California Law	Publications	Other Resources	My Subscriptions	My Favorites
------	------------------	----------------	--------------	-----------------	------------------	--------------

AB-1382 Animals: sale of pets: intentional genomic alterations. (2025-2026)

SHARE THIS:  

Date Published: 04/22/2025 09:00 PM

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 22, 2025

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 28, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 1382

Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Essayli~~ **Castillo**
(Coauthors: Senators Jones and Ochoa Bogh)

February 21, 2025

An act to add Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 122325) to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1382, as amended, ~~Essayli~~ **Castillo**. Animals: sale of pets: intentional genomic alterations.

Existing law generally regulates the importation of wild animals into the state and the sale of dogs, cats, and birds. Existing law requires a person seeking to bring or import a dog into the state for purposes of resale or change of ownership to obtain a health certificate for that dog, as specified. Existing law requires a breeder of dogs to disclose to a purchaser of a dog certain information, including the breed, sex, color, and identifying marks at the time of sale, a record of inoculations and worming treatments administered, and whether the dog has any known disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects its health, as specified.

This bill would prohibit a person from importing for profit, selling, or offering for sale in this state a pet animal, as defined, that has been modified or developed by intentional genomic alterations, as defined, unless the intentional genomic alteration is to benefit the health of the animal or to enhance the animal's interaction with humans, as specified. The bill would provide that each pet animal imported for profit, sold, or offered for sale in this state in violation of that prohibition is a separate violation and is punishable by a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000. The bill would authorize the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred, and the city attorney of the city in which the violation occurred, to bring an action to enforce that prohibition, as specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 122325) is added to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

CHAPTER 6.5. Sale of Genetically Altered Pets

122325. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Ethics Over Aesthetics Act.

122325.2. For purposes of this chapter, ~~all of~~ the following definitions apply:

(a) "Intentional genomic alteration" means a change to an animal's genomic DNA produced using modern molecular technologies, which may include random or targeted DNA sequence changes, including, but not limited to, nucleotide insertions, substitutions, or deletions.

(b) "Pet animal" means a dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, hamster, mouse, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish, or other species of animal kept for the purpose of being a household pet.

122325.4. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, a person shall not import for profit, sell, or offer for sale in this state a pet animal that has been modified or developed by intentional genomic alterations.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a pet animal if either of the following applies:

(A) The intentional genomic alteration is for the sole purpose of benefiting the health of the pet animal, including, but not limited to, making the pet animal resistant to a disease or condition.

(B) (i) The intentional genomic alteration is for the sole purpose of enhancing the pet animal's interaction with humans, including, but not limited to, promoting hypoallergenic traits.

(ii) Cosmetic traits, including, but not limited to, novel fur, skin, or scale coloring, or fundamental changes to the natural traits of a pet animal, such as creating a cat with no claws or a dog without vocal cords or the addition or subtraction of appendages, do not enhance a pet animal's interaction with humans.

(b) Each pet animal imported for profit, sold, or offered for sale in this state in violation of this section shall be a separate violation and shall be punishable by a civil penalty of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000). An action to enforce this section may be brought by the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred or by the city attorney of the city in which the violation occurred. The civil penalty shall be paid to the city or county, as applicable, of the attorney that brings the action.