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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1137

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

February 17, 2017

An act to add Section 50466 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1137, as amended, Maienschein. Housing developments: pet permissibility.

Existing law establishes the Department of Housing and Community Development in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency. The department is responsible for administering various housing and home loan programs throughout the state.

Existing law prohibits a public agency that owns and operates rental housing accommodations from preventing an elderly person or person requiring supportive services from keeping not more than 2 pets in the rental housing.

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to require each housing development, as defined, that is financed on or after January 1, 2018, pursuant to various provisions of existing law, to authorize a resident of the housing development to own or otherwise maintain one or more common household pets, as defined, within the resident's dwelling unit, subject to applicable state ~~laws~~ *laws*, *department regulations*, and local government ordinances related to public health, animal control, and animal anticruelty.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the
2 Pet Friendly Housing Act of 2017.

3 SEC. 2. Section 50466 is added to the Health and Safety Code,
4 to read:

5 50466. (a) The department shall require each housing
6 development that is financed on or after January 1, 2018, pursuant
7 to this division, to authorize a resident of the housing development
8 to own or otherwise maintain one or more common household pets
9 within the resident’s dwelling unit, subject to applicable state laws
10 laws, regulations adopted by the department, and local government
11 ordinances related to public health, animal control, and animal
12 anticruelty.

13 (b) For purposes of this section, “common household pet” means
14 a domesticated animal, such as a dog or cat, that is commonly kept
15 in the home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes.

16 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or
17 otherwise affect other statutes or laws that require reasonable
18 accommodations to be made for an individual with a disability
19 who maintains an animal to provide assistance, service, or support.