

SB 5106-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that the governor, through the Washington state emergency management division of the military department in consultation with but not limited to the Washington animal response management team established under the Washington comprehensive emergency management plan, representatives of local emergency management, and the department of agriculture, shall adopt rules no later than twelve months following the effective date of this act in accordance with the federal pets evacuation and transportation standards act of 2006, 109 P.L. 308, 120 Stat. 1725, and pending federal emergency management agency guidelines. The state emergency management plan, including rules, regulations, and guidelines, shall include provisions to support the needs of individuals with household pets or service animals in a major disaster or emergency and shall be reviewed and updated at least every two years.

Requires each county and municipality in the state in accordance with existing federal requirements to prepare a written emergency management plan with all appropriate annexes necessary to implement the plan.

Provides that, when engaged in emergency management activities, an emergency responder may make every practicable attempt under the circumstances, without endangering human life, to rescue a service animal or household pet.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.