
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Mila Microchip Identification Act".

3 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that since January 1,
4 2022, all cat and dog owners in Hawaii have been required to
5 have a microchip implanted in their pet and to register that
6 microchip number and the owner's contact information with a
7 microchip registration company. The legislature further finds
8 that when employees of the state and county agencies responsible
9 for disposing roadkill pick up dead cats and dogs that have been
10 killed on public roadways, they do not routinely scan the
11 deceased animals for microchips or take any other measures to
12 ascertain the animal's owner. As a result, owners of lost cats
13 or dogs are not informed if their pet has been killed by a
14 vehicle.

15 The legislature further finds that the tragic incident
16 involving a dog named Mila, as reported by KITV News on
17 November 8, 2024, highlights a critical gap in existing policies



1 and procedures. Due to the absence of proper scanning equipment
2 within the department of transportation and the lack of clear
3 rules for owner notification, Mila was disposed of without her
4 owner being informed. This measure seeks to address such
5 deficiencies by establishing clear directives for notification
6 and the use of scanning equipment to prevent similar occurrences
7 in the future.

8 Furthermore, the legislature recognizes that this measure
9 aligns with the intent expressed in the previous legislative
10 session through House Concurrent Resolution No. 171 and House
11 Resolution No. 150. By enacting this legislation, the
12 legislature affirms its commitment to animal welfare and
13 responsible procedures for handling lost or deceased pets.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
15 appropriate state and county agencies to:

- 16 (1) Scan deceased cats and dogs collected from public
17 roadways for microchips and, if applicable, record the
18 microchip as well as any other relevant information
19 from the animal's tag or collar; and
20 (2) Notify county animal services or animal service
21 contractors of the deceased dog or cat.



1 SECTION 3. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§264- Deceased cats and dogs; disposal. (a) When
5 disposing of a deceased cat or dog found on a public roadway,
6 the department of transportation shall check for, scan, and
7 record the microchip of the deceased cat or dog, if any, along
8 with the location found, descriptive information of the cat or
9 dog and, if applicable, any contact information such as a phone
10 number, name, or address shown on the animal's collar or tag.

11 (b) When disposing of a deceased cat or dog found on a
12 public roadway, the department of transportation shall timely
13 notify the appropriate county animal services or animal service
14 contractors of the deceased cat or dog, including the microchip
15 number, if any; location found; descriptive information about
16 the cat or dog; and, if applicable, any contact information such
17 as a phone number, name, or address shown on the animal's collar
18 or tag.

19 (c) A county agency assisting with the disposal of a
20 deceased cat or dog found on a public roadway under the
21 jurisdiction of the State shall collaborate with the department



1 of transportation to utilize the department's microchip scanners
2 to satisfy the requirements of this section."

3 SECTION 4. Chapter 265A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§265A- Deceased cats and dogs; disposal. (a) When
7 disposing of a deceased cat or dog found on a public roadway,
8 the appropriate county department shall check for, scan, and
9 record the microchip of the deceased cat or dog, if any, along
10 with the location found, descriptive information of the cat or
11 dog and, if applicable, any contact information such as a phone
12 number, name, or address shown on the animal's collar or tag.

13 (b) When disposing of a deceased cat or dog found on a
14 public roadway, the appropriate county department shall timely
15 notify the appropriate county animal services or animal service
16 contractors of the deceased cat or dog, including the microchip
17 number, if any; location found; descriptive information about
18 the cat or dog; and, if applicable, any contact information such
19 as a phone number, name, or address shown on the animal's collar
20 or tag."

21 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Deceased Pet Animals; Public Roadways; Microchips; Notification

Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation or appropriate county department when disposing of a deceased cat or dog from a public roadway to scan the animal for a microchip, record certain information, and report that information to the appropriate county animal services or animal service contractors. Requires certain county agencies to collaborate with the Department of Transportation in utilizing the Department's microchip scanners. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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