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Act No. 38 (H.421). Public safety; humane officers

An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training

This act requires that humane officers authorized to conduct animal cruelty investigations must be certain types of law enforcement, designated humane society employees, or animal control officers who receive specialized animal cruelty investigation training pursuant to statute. It also requires animal cruelty response training as developed by the Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board and administered by the Criminal Justice Council for designated humane society employees and animal control officers in order to serve as humane officers. Trainings for current humane officers must be completed by the end of 2023, and the Council must provide the Board with a list of individuals who completed the training by January 1, 2024.

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