

Dog Control (Cancellation of Microchipping Requirements) Amendment Bill

Member's Bill

Explanatory note

General policy statement

This Bill cancels the requirement to implant microchip transponders in all dogs newly registered from 1 July 2006 unless they are classified as menacing or dangerous under sections 33A or 31 respectively.

Clause by clause analysis

Clause 1 is the Title clause.

Clause 2 provides for the bill to come into force on 1 July 2006.

Clause 3 indicates the Act which this bill amends.

Clause 4 sets out the purpose of the bill, which is to make it unnecessary to implant microchip transponders in dogs unless they are classified as menacing or dangerous.

Clause 5 amends section 36A by repealing those subsections and those parts of section 36A(5)(b) which require dogs which are classified neither as menacing nor as dangerous to be implanted with microchip transponders.

Clause 6 amends section 69A by inserting words to clarify that it refers only to dogs which have been classified as menacing or dangerous. It also repeals section 69A(2) so that the microchipping is required for an impounded menacing or dangerous dog even if it is the first time the dog has been impounded.

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Dog Control (Cancellation of Microchipping Requirements) Amendment Act **2006**.
- 2 Commencement**
This Act comes into force on 1 July 2006. 5
- 3 Principal Act amended**
This Act amends the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 4 Purpose**
The purpose of this Act is to cancel the requirement to implant microchip transponders in all dogs registered for the first time after 30 June 2006 while still requiring them to be implanted in all dogs classified as menacing or dangerous under sections 33 and 31 respectively. 10

- 5 Microchip transponder must be implanted in certain dogs**
- (1) Subsections (1)(c), (3)(b), (3A), and (4) of section 36A are repealed. 5
- (2) Section 36A(5)(b) is amended by omitting “or is registered”.
- 6 Impounded dog must be microchipped and registered before release**
- (1) The heading to section 69A is amended by inserting “**menacing or dangerous**” after “**Impounded**”. 10
- (2) Section 69A(1) is amended by inserting “that has been classified as menacing or dangerous and” after “A registered dog”.
- (3) Section 69A(2) is repealed.
- (4) Section 69A(4) is amended by inserting “that has been classified as menacing or dangerous and” after “An unregistered dog”. 15

