



General Assembly

January Session, 2003

**Committee Bill No. 49**

LCO No. 2798

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING DOG LICENSE FEES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-338 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Each owner or keeper of a dog of the age of six months or older,  
4 except dogs kept under a kennel license as provided in section 22-342,  
5 shall cause such dog to be licensed in the town clerk's office in the  
6 town where such dog is kept, on or before June thirtieth, annually, or  
7 at such time as such dog becomes six months old, and annually  
8 thereafter, on or before June thirtieth. The owner or keeper shall pay to  
9 such town clerk for such license the sum of seven dollars for each  
10 neutered male or spayed female dog and the sum of [nine] twelve  
11 dollars for each unneutered male dog and each unspayed female dog,  
12 and one additional dollar in each case as the town clerk's fee for  
13 issuing a tag and license as provided in section 22-340. Two dollars  
14 from each license fee collected for a neutered or spayed dog shall be  
15 deposited into the Animal Population Control Fund. If an owner or  
16 keeper of a dog fails to procure a license as required by this section,  
17 such owner or keeper shall pay the appropriate license fee specified in

18 this section, the town clerk's fee and a penalty of one dollar for each  
19 month or fraction thereof the dog remains unlicensed.

20 (b) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog under  
21 subsection (a) of this section shall submit to the town clerk a rabies  
22 certificate signed by a veterinarian, or a copy thereof, stating that such  
23 dog has been vaccinated against rabies, the date of the vaccination and  
24 the duration of the immunity provided by the vaccine. No license shall  
25 be issued unless the certificate indicates that the immunity provided  
26 by the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing.

27 (c) This section shall not apply to any dog which is imported into  
28 this state for exhibition purposes and which does not remain in this  
29 state for more than thirty days. Any person may import, from another  
30 state, any licensed dog with collar, tag and rabies vaccination  
31 certificate, and keep the same in this state for not more than thirty  
32 days, without complying with the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the dog license fee for dogs that are unspayed or unneutered.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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