



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 486

LCO No. 4653

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM THE
CONNECTICUT HUMANE SOCIETY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-380f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) No pound shall sell or give away any unspayed or unneutered
4 dog or cat to any person unless such pound receives forty-five dollars
5 from the person buying or adopting such dog or cat. Funds received
6 pursuant to this section shall be paid quarterly by the municipality
7 into the animal population control account established under section
8 22-380g. At the time of receipt of such payment, the pound shall
9 provide a voucher, for the purpose of sterilization and vaccination
10 benefits, as provided in section 22-380i, to the person buying or
11 adopting such dog or cat. Such voucher shall be on a form provided by
12 the commissioner and signed by the eligible owner. Such voucher shall
13 become void after sixty days from the date of adoption unless a
14 participating veterinarian certifies that the dog or cat is medically unfit
15 for surgery. Such certification shall be on a form provided by the
16 commissioner and specify a date by which such dog or cat may be fit

17 for sterilization. If the surgery is performed more than thirty days after
18 such specified date, the voucher shall become void. In the case of a dog
19 or cat that has been previously sterilized or is permanently medically
20 unfit for sterilization, as determined by a participating veterinarian,
21 the voucher shall be void and the eligible owner may apply to the
22 commissioner for a refund in the amount of forty-five dollars.

23 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
24 no pound shall receive forty-five dollars from the Connecticut
25 Humane Society for any unspayed or unneutered cat or dog that is
26 given by such pound to the Connecticut Humane Society, provided
27 such cat or dog is spayed or neutered by the Connecticut Humane
28 Society prior to the adoption of such animal by any person. Such
29 sterilization shall not be required prior to the time of adoption if a
30 licensed veterinarian employed by the Connecticut Humane Society
31 certifies that the cat or dog is medically unfit for surgery. Such
32 certification shall be on a form provided by the commissioner and
33 specify a date by which such cat or dog may be medically fit for
34 sterilization. The Connecticut Humane Society shall provide to the
35 person adopting such animal a voucher for sterilization that specifies
36 the date by which such cat or dog may be medically fit for sterilization.
37 If the surgery is performed more than thirty days after such specified
38 date, the voucher shall become void and the owner shall pay a fee of
39 forty-five dollars to the Connecticut Humane Society which shall be
40 transferred by the Connecticut Humane Society to the pound that gave
41 such cat or dog to the Connecticut Humane Society. In the case of a cat
42 or dog that is permanently medically unfit for sterilization, as
43 determined by a licensed veterinarian employed by the Connecticut
44 Humane Society, no such fee shall be charged.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt the Connecticut Humane Society from the forty-five-dollar fee collected by pounds on unspayed or unneutered animals given to the society if the society assures the sterilization of such animal.

[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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