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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ROAMING ANIMALS AND PUBLIC SAFETY."**

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- 1 In line 18, insert an opening bracket before "mercifully" and a  
2 closing bracket after "killed", and after the closing bracket insert  
3 "euthanized"
- 4 In line 18, after "veterinarian" insert " [ "
- 5 In line 19, after "direct." insert "]"
- 6 In line 40, after "pet", insert "or to transfer such dog or other  
7 domestic animal to a nonprofit animal rescue or adoption  
8 organization"
- 9 In line 42, after "keeper" delete "or" and insert " [or]"
- 10 In line 43, after "pet" insert "or transferred to a nonprofit animal  
11 rescue or adoption organization pursuant to this section,"

12 In line 44, insert an opening bracket before "mercifully" and a  
13 closing bracket after "killed"

14 In line 44, before "by" insert "euthanized"

15 In line 44, after "veterinarian" insert " ["

16 In line 45, insert a closing bracket after "direct."

17 In line 71, insert an opening bracket before "mercifully" and a  
18 closing bracket after "killed"

19 In line 71, before "by" insert "euthanized"

20 In line 71, after "veterinarian" insert " ["

21 In line 72, insert a closing bracket after "direct."

22 Strike lines 82 to 94 in their entirety

23 In line 95, strike "(c)" and insert "(b)" in lieu thereof

24 In line 98, strike "sixty" and insert "two-hundred fifty" in lieu thereof

25 In line 99, strike "two" and insert "five" in lieu thereof

26 In line 102, strike "five hundred" and insert "one thousand" in lieu  
27 thereof

28 After line 108, insert the following:

29 "Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 22-332d of the general  
30 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
31 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

32 (a) Any animal control officer for a municipality which has adopted  
33 an ordinance under subsection (b) of section 22-339d may take into  
34 custody any cat found to be damaging property other than property of  
35 its owner or keeper or causing an unsanitary, dangerous or  
36 unreasonably offensive condition unless such cat can be identified as

37 under the care of its owner or a registered keeper of feral cats. The  
38 officer shall impound such cat at the pound serving the town where  
39 the cat is taken unless, in the opinion of a licensed veterinarian, the cat  
40 is so injured or diseased that it should be destroyed immediately, in  
41 which case the municipal animal control officer of such town may  
42 cause the cat to be [mercifully killed]  euthanized  by a licensed  
43 veterinarian. [or disposed of as the State Veterinarian may direct.] The  
44 municipal animal control officer shall immediately notify the owner or  
45 keeper of any cat so taken, if known, of its impoundment. If the owner  
46 or keeper of any such cat is unknown, the officer shall immediately tag  
47 or employ such other suitable means of identification of the cat as may  
48 be approved by the Chief Animal Control Officer and shall promptly  
49 cause a description of such cat to be published once in the lost and  
50 found column of a newspaper having a circulation in such town.

51 (b) If such cat is not claimed by and released to the owner within  
52 seven days after the date of publication, the municipal animal control  
53 officer, upon finding such cat to be in satisfactory health, may have a  
54 licensed veterinarian spay or neuter any such cat and sell such cat to  
55 any person who satisfies such officer that [he is purchasing it]  the cat is   
56  being purchased  as a pet and that he  or she  can give it a good home  
57 and proper care. The municipal animal control officer may retain  
58 possession of such cat for such additional period of time as [he]  such   
59  officer  may deem advisable in order to place such cat as a pet  or to   
60  transfer such cat to a nonprofit animal rescue or adoption organization   
61 and may have a licensed veterinarian spay or neuter such cat. If,  
62 within such period, any cat is not claimed by and released to the  
63 owner or keeper, [or]  purchased as a pet or transferred to a nonprofit   
64  animal rescue or adoption organization pursuant to this section,  the  
65 officer shall cause such cat to be [mercifully killed]  euthanized  by a  
66 licensed veterinarian. [or disposed of as the State Veterinarian may  
67 direct.] No person who so destroys a cat shall be held criminally or  
68 civilly liable therefor nor shall any licensed veterinarian who spays or  
69 neuters a cat pursuant to this section be held civilly liable, including,  
70 but not limited to, liability for reconstructive neutical implantation

71 surgery."