



General Assembly

January Session, 2009

Proposed Bill No. 5493

LCO No. 1771

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
REP. CAFERO, 142nd Dist.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DOG AND CAT LEMON LAW.

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

1 That title 22 of the general statutes be amended to establish a
2 schedule of fines to be levied by agents of the Commissioner of
3 Agriculture where a kennel used for breeding purposes or a pet shop
4 is maintained in an unsanitary, inhumane or otherwise unsatisfactory
5 manner and to provide for reimbursement of veterinary costs, up to
6 twice the animal's purchase price, incurred by the purchaser of a dog
7 or cat from a breeding kennel or pet shop where such dog or cat has
8 any disease, illness or other injury of a congenital or hereditary nature
9 or that was in existence at the time of purchase and to require breeding
10 kennels and pet shops to clearly display such reimbursement policy
11 and advise each purchaser of the seller's obligations.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that dogs and cats sold in Connecticut are healthy and that purchasers of such dogs and cats are adequately protected in the event of a dog or cat's disease, illness or other injury of a congenital or hereditary nature in existence at the time of purchase.