



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 856

LCO No. 3153

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF ORIGIN OF PUPPIES SOLD
IN RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-354 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Any dog or cat imported into this state shall be accompanied by
4 a certificate of health issued no earlier than thirty days prior to the date
5 of importation by a licensed, graduate veterinarian stating that such
6 dog or cat is free from symptoms of any infectious, contagious or
7 communicable disease, and that such dog or cat, if three months of age
8 or older, is currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian. A
9 copy of such health certificate shall be forwarded promptly to the
10 commissioner from the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin.
11 Any dog or cat originating from a rabies quarantine area must have
12 permission of the State Veterinarian prior to importation into this state.
13 No person, firm or corporation shall import or export for the purposes
14 of sale or offering for sale any dog or cat under the age of eight weeks
15 unless such dog or cat is transported with its dam and no person, firm
16 or corporation shall sell within the state any dog or cat under the age

17 of eight weeks. Any person, firm or corporation violating the
18 provisions of this [section] subsection or bringing any dog or cat into
19 this state from an area under quarantine for rabies shall be fined not
20 more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty
21 days or both.

22 (b) Any dog under one year in age sold or offered for sale in a retail
23 establishment located in this state shall be accompanied by a certificate
24 of origin. Such certificate shall be posted in a conspicuous manner not
25 more than ten feet from where such dog is displayed for sale. A copy
26 of such certificate shall be provided to the purchaser of such dog at the
27 time of sale. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions
28 of this subsection shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or
29 imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	22-354

Statement of Purpose:

To provide consumers with information regarding the origin of puppies sold at retail establishments and to allow the state to track complaints concerning ill or defective puppies.

[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.]