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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 499

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A PET LEMON LAW AND THE RELEASE OF RABIES VACCINATION RECORDS TO ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS."**

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1 Strike sections 1 and 2 in their entirety and renumber the remaining  
2 sections and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Section 22-344b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

7 (a) A pet shop licensee shall, prior to offering a dog or cat for sale  
8 and thereafter at intervals of fifteen days until such dog or cat is sold,  
9 provide for examination of such dog or cat by a veterinarian licensed  
10 under chapter 384. [The] Such licensee shall maintain a record of the  
11 veterinary services rendered for each dog or cat offered for sale.

12 (b) If, (1) within [fifteen] twenty days of sale, any such dog or cat  
13 becomes ill or dies of any illness which existed in such dog or cat at the  
14 time of the sale, or (2) within six months of sale, any such dog or cat is  
15 diagnosed with a congenital defect that adversely affects or will  
16 adversely affect the health of such dog or cat, such licensee shall, at the  
17 option of the consumer, replace the dog or cat or refund in full the  
18 purchase price of such dog or cat: [(1)] (A) In the case of illness or such  
19 congenital defect, upon return of the dog or cat to the pet shop and the  
20 receipt of a certificate from a veterinarian licensed under chapter 384  
21 and selected by the consumer, stating that the dog or cat is ill from a  
22 condition which existed at the time of sale, or suffers from such  
23 congenital defect, and [(2)] (B) in the case of death, the receipt of a  
24 certificate from a veterinarian licensed under [said] chapter 384 and  
25 selected by the consumer, stating that the dog or cat died from an  
26 illness or a congenital defect which existed at the time of sale. Any  
27 costs for services and medications provided by a licensed veterinarian  
28 incurred by the consumer for such illness or such congenital defect  
29 shall be reimbursed to the consumer by such licensee in an amount not  
30 to exceed [two] five hundred dollars. The presentation of such  
31 certificate shall be sufficient proof to claim reimbursement or  
32 replacement and the return of such deceased dog or cat to the pet shop  
33 shall not be required. No such refund or replacement shall be made if  
34 such illness or death resulted from maltreatment or neglect by a person  
35 other than the licensee [, his] or such licensee's agent or employee. A  
36 licensee shall not be subject to the obligations imposed by this  
37 subsection for the sale of a cat where such cat has been spayed or  
38 neutered prior to its sale.

39 (c) A licensee who violates any provision of this section shall forfeit  
40 to the state a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars for each animal  
41 which is the subject of the violation. The Attorney General, upon  
42 complaint of the commissioner, may institute a civil action in the  
43 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to recover the  
44 forfeiture specified in this section.

45 Sec. 502. Section 22-354 of the general statutes is repealed and the

46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

47 (a) Any dog or cat imported into this state shall be accompanied by  
48 a certificate of health issued no earlier than thirty days prior to the date  
49 of importation by a licensed, graduate veterinarian stating that such  
50 dog or cat is free from symptoms of any infectious, contagious or  
51 communicable disease, and that such dog or cat, if three months of age  
52 or older, is currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian. A  
53 copy of such health certificate shall be forwarded promptly to the  
54 commissioner from the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin.  
55 Any dog or cat originating from a rabies quarantine area [must] shall  
56 have permission of the State Veterinarian prior to importation into this  
57 state. No person, firm or corporation shall import or export for the  
58 purposes of sale or offering for sale any dog or cat under the age of  
59 eight weeks unless such dog or cat is transported with its dam and no  
60 person, firm or corporation shall sell within the state any dog or cat  
61 under the age of eight weeks. Any person, firm or corporation  
62 violating the provisions of this [section] subsection or bringing any  
63 dog or cat into this state from an area under quarantine for rabies shall  
64 be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more  
65 than thirty days, or both.

66 (b) Any dog sold or offered for sale by a pet shop licensee in this  
67 state shall be accompanied by a certificate of origin identifying the  
68 name and address of the person, firm or corporation that bred such  
69 dog and of any person, firm or corporation that sold such dog to such  
70 pet shop licensee. Such information contained in the certificate of  
71 origin shall be posted in a conspicuous manner not more than ten feet  
72 from the location where such dog is displayed for sale. A copy of such  
73 certificate shall be provided to the purchaser of such dog at the time of  
74 sale and shall be filed by such licensee with the Department of  
75 Agriculture not later than two days after such sale. No pet shop  
76 licensee shall purchase a dog or cat for resale from a breeder or other  
77 person, firm or corporation located outside of this state that is not in  
78 possession of a current license issued by the United States Department  
79 of Agriculture and any applicable state agency. Any pet shop licensee

80 violating the provisions of this subsection shall be fined not more than  
81 one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both,  
82 for each violation. Each day a pet shop licensee is in violation of this  
83 subsection shall constitute a separate offense."