



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 125

Senate, March 23, 2010

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING DOGS AT STATE CAMPGROUNDS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) The Commissioner of
2 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
3 Public Health, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
4 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, that authorize people
5 to have dogs at camp sites in not more than fifty per cent of state parks
6 with existing camp sites. Such regulations shall include, but not be
7 limited to: (1) A limit on the number of dogs that a person may have at
8 a camp site, (2) proof, from a veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter
9 384 of the general statutes, of vaccinations required prior to
10 authorizing the presence of any such dog at a camp site, and (3) rules
11 concerning the restraint or control of the dog by the person authorized
12 to have such dog at the camp site in order to assure the safety of other
13 persons utilizing the camp site and to prevent (A) the destruction of
14 personal property at such camp site, and (B) the spoliation of any part
15 of the camp site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact for the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, to adopt regulations concerning dogs at state campgrounds.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 125*****AN ACT CONCERNING DOGS AT STATE CAMPGROUNDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the environmental protection commissioner, in consultation with the public health commissioner, to adopt regulations allowing dogs at camp sites in up to 50% of state parks with camp sites. The regulations must include: (1) a limit on the number of dogs that an individual may have at a camp site; (2) proof, from a licensed veterinarian, of required vaccinations before allowing the dog at the camp site; and (3) rules on a dog's restraint or control by the person authorized to have the dog at the site to prevent destruction of (a) personal property at the site and any part of the camp site.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 10 (03/05/2010)