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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 274

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Cal. No. 258

**"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE UNREASONABLE CONFINEMENT
AND TETHERING OF DOGS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 22-350a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

5 (a) No person shall tether a dog to a stationary object or to a mobile
6 device, including, but not limited to, a trolley or pulley by means of a:

7 (1) Tether that does not allow such dog to walk at least eight feet,
8 excluding the length of such dog as measured from the tip of such
9 dog's nose to the base of such dog's tail, in any one direction, (2) tether
10 that does not have swivels on both ends to prevent twisting and
11 tangling, unless the owner or keeper of such dog is in the presence of
12 such dog, (3) coat hanger, choke collar, prong-type collar, head halter
13 or any other collar, halter or device that is not specifically designed or
14 properly fitted for the restraint of such dog, (4) tether that has weights
15 attached or that contains metal chain links more than one-quarter of an
16 inch thick, or (5) tether that allows such dog to reach an object,
17 including, but not limited to, a window sill, edge of a pool, fence,
18 porch or terrace railing that poses a substantial risk of injury or
19 strangulation to such dog if such dog jumps over such object, unless
20 the owner or keeper of such dog is on the premises. The provisions of
21 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall not be construed to
22 apply to: (A) Any veterinary practice licensed pursuant to section 20-
23 197 that tethers a dog in the course of such veterinary practice, (B) any
24 exhibition, show, contest or other temporary event in which the skill,
25 breeding or stamina of such dog is judged or examined, (C) any
26 exhibition, class, training session or other temporary event in which
27 such dog is used in a lawful manner to hunt a species of wildlife
28 during the hunting season for such species of wildlife or in which such
29 dog receives training in a lawful manner to hunt such species of
30 wildlife, (D) the temporary tethering of a dog at any camping or
31 recreation area as expressly authorized by the Commissioner of
32 Environmental Protection, or (E) the temporary tethering of a dog at a
33 grooming facility in the course of grooming such dog.

34 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any protection
35 afforded to any dog pursuant to any other provision of the general
36 statutes, regulations of the Connecticut state agencies, local ordinance
37 or local regulation.

38 (c) Any person who confines or tethers a dog for an unreasonable
39 period of time or in violation of the provisions of subsection (a) of this
40 section shall be fined [not more than] one hundred dollars for the first

41 offense, [not less than one] two hundred dollars [or more than two
 42 hundred fifty dollars] for a second offense, and not less than two
 43 hundred fifty dollars or more than five hundred dollars for [any] a
 44 third or subsequent offense.

45 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 22-354 of the 2010 supplement to the
 46 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 47 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

48 (b) Any dog sold or offered for sale by a pet shop licensee in this
 49 state shall be accompanied by a certificate of origin identifying the
 50 name and address of the person, firm or corporation that bred such
 51 dog and of any person, firm or corporation that sold such dog to such
 52 pet shop licensee. Such certificate shall be in a form as prescribed by
 53 the Commissioner of Agriculture. Such information contained in the
 54 certificate of origin shall be posted [in a conspicuous manner not more
 55 than ten feet from the location where such dog is displayed for sale] on
 56 the sign described in section 22-344d that is visible to customers. A
 57 copy of such certificate shall be provided to the purchaser of such dog
 58 at the time of sale and shall be filed by such licensee with the
 59 Department of Agriculture not later than [two] seven days after such
 60 sale. No pet shop licensee shall purchase a dog or cat for resale from a
 61 breeder or other person, firm or corporation located outside of this
 62 state that is not in possession of a current license issued by the United
 63 States Department of Agriculture and any applicable state agency. Any
 64 pet shop licensee violating the provisions of this subsection shall be
 65 fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than
 66 thirty days, or both, for each violation. Each day a pet shop licensee is
 67 in violation of this subsection shall constitute a separate offense."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	22-350a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	22-354(b)