

Environment Committee

Re: Bill 5446

On behalf of Enfield Animal Control Officers we support raised bill 5446 however, I would like to express concerns with Sec. 2 Subsection (C) of raised bill 5446.

This section is only requiring newly hired personnel to be fully trained prior to serving as an animal control officer. I fully support the eighty (80) hours of training however I believe the training should be extended to all Animal Control Officers with less than five years of fulltime activity in the field. There are several municipalities in the State of Connecticut that just hire Animal Control Officers with no prior experience or are unable to train them properly.

I also strongly believe that the State of Connecticut should search within the state for qualified personnel (Current and retired ACO's) to teach the classes instead of using a national company.

Thank you,

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