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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF ANIMALS SEIZED IN ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 22-329a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2012*):

4 (i) If the court vests ownership of the animal in the Commissioner of
5 Agriculture or a municipality, the commissioner or the municipality
6 may conduct or participate in a public auction of the animal under
7 such conditions the commissioner or the municipality deems necessary
8 or the commissioner or the municipality may consign the animal to an
9 auction or sell the animal through an open advertised bid process
10 whereby bid price and demonstration of sufficient knowledge and
11 ability to care for such animal are factors for the commissioner's or
12 municipality's consideration. All moneys collected from the sale of
13 animals sold by the Commissioner of Agriculture through such open
14 advertised bid process shall be deposited in the "animal abuse cost
15 recovery account" established in subsection (j) of this section. All
16 moneys collected from the sale of animals sold by a municipality

17 through such open advertised bid process shall be deposited by the
18 town treasurer or other fiscal officer in the town's general fund. [In a
19 case where rehabilitative or special care of such animal is required,
20 the] The commissioner or the municipality may also vest ownership of
21 any such animal in an individual or a public or private nonprofit
22 animal rescue or adoption organization, [which annually places ten or
23 more animals in private homes as pets.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	22-329a(i)

Statement of Purpose:

To enable the Department of Agriculture to readily place rehabilitated animals, that were once neglected or cruelly treated, with safe and caring new owners.

[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.]