



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5408

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The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. GENTILE of the 104th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION FEES FOR DOGS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 22-332 of the 2012 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (c) The town treasurer or other fiscal officer shall pay from the dog
5 fund account the advertising expense incurred under the provisions of
6 this section upon receipt of an itemized statement together with a copy
7 of the advertisement as published. Any person who purchases a dog as
8 a pet shall pay a fee of five dollars and procure a license and tag for
9 such dog from the town clerk, in accordance with the provisions of
10 section 22-338. In addition to the five-dollar fee, any person who
11 purchases a dog as a pet may be charged the cost the municipality
12 incurred, if any, to spay or neuter and vaccinate the dog.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	22-332(c)

PD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill allows a municipality to charge the costs it incurred to spay or neuter and vaccinate a dog to the individual purchasing the dog. It is estimated to cost \$120 - \$150 to spay or neuter and vaccinate a dog. In FY 11, of the 2,991 dogs adopted from municipal shelters state-wide, 2,123 were spayed or neutered. Thus, the fee could potentially generate \$254,760 - \$318,450 in cumulative state-wide revenue. However, the revenue impact per town would be minimal.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5408*****AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION FEES FOR DOGS.*****SUMMARY:**

When anyone buys a dog as a pet from a municipal pound, this bill authorizes the municipality to charge the buyer any cost it incurred to have the dog spayed or neutered and vaccinated. By law, an animal control officer (ACO) may have a licensed veterinarian spay or neuter unclaimed healthy dogs, cats, or other animals in his or her custody after seven days, before selling or placing them as pets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

BACKGROUND***Animal Population Control***

By law, ACOs must seize and impound any neglected, cruelly treated, ill, or roaming dog at the municipality's pound, unless a licensed veterinarian decides the dog's injuries or disease warrants it being destroyed.

An ACO may euthanize, sell, or place as a pet, a dog, cat, or other animal in his or her custody if its owner does not claim it within seven days after notice of its impoundment is published as the law requires (CGS § 22-332 (b)).

By law, a pound that sells or gives away an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat must charge the person buying or adopting the dog or cat \$45. A pound must pay these funds into the animal population control account, supporting the Animal Population Control Program, which (along with portions of dog license fees, special license plates, and donations) helps pay for the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats adopted from pounds (CGS §§ 22-380e to 380m).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 1 (03/23/2012)