



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 500

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Substitute House Bill No. 5836

House of Representatives, April 15, 2013

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

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THE VACCINATION AND STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS OWNED BY LOW INCOME PERSONS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 22-380g of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (c) Not more than [ten] twenty per cent of the funds deposited in the
5 animal population control account in accordance with subsection (f) of
6 section 14-21h, subsection (a) of section 22-338, section 22-380f and
7 section 22-380l shall be used for the sterilization and vaccination of
8 dogs and cats owned by a low-income person pursuant to the program
9 established under subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	22-380g(c)
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill increases, from 10% to 20%, the amount of certain animal population control program (APCP) funds that can be used for sterilizing and vaccinating dogs and cats owned by low-income people. This will result in a redistribution of APCP funds; however, this redistribution is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5836*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THE VACCINATION AND STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS OWNED BY LOW INCOME PERSONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from 10% to 20%, the amount of certain animal population control program funds that can be used for sterilizing and vaccinating dogs and cats owned by low-income people. The funds are from a surcharge on dog licenses, certain animal adoption fees for pounds' unsprayed or unneutered cats and dogs, and proceeds from commemorative "Caring for Pets" license plates.

By law, the agriculture commissioner operates the animal population control program, which, among other things, provides sterilization and vaccination benefits for dogs and cats (1) adopted from municipal pounds in Connecticut or (2) owned by low-income people.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/27/2013)