



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 572

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House Bill No. 6311

House of Representatives, April 18, 2013

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. ROJAS of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROHIBITING MUNICIPALITIES FROM ADOPTING BREED-SPECIFIC DOG ORDINANCES.

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of
2 section 7-148 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

4 (D) (i) Regulate and prohibit the going at large of dogs and other
5 animals in the streets and public places of the municipality and
6 prevent cruelty to animals and all inhuman sports, except that no
7 municipality shall adopt breed-specific dog ordinances;

8 (ii) Regulate and prohibit the keeping of wild or domestic animals,
9 including reptiles, within the municipal limits or portions thereof;

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

Section 1	October 1, 2013	7-148(c)(7)(D)
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PD *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which prevents municipalities from adopting ordinances aimed at specific breeds of dogs, has no fiscal impact.

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

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6311

AN ACT PROHIBITING MUNICIPALITIES FROM ADOPTING BREED-SPECIFIC DOG ORDINANCES.

SUMMARY:

This bill bars municipalities from adopting breed-specific dog ordinances.

Existing law authorizes municipalities to enact ordinances (1) regulating or prohibiting the movement of dogs and other animals in streets and public places and (2) preventing cruelty to animals and all inhuman sports.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (04/01/2013)