



House of Representatives

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General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6323
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 6, 2013

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 general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

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, provided
13 such charge shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	22-332(c)

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill caps the amount an adopter can be charged (in addition to the \$5 license and the \$45 voucher) at \$150. This may result in a minimal revenue loss to various municipalities, to the extent a municipality participates in the animal population control program.

House "A" alters the original bill by capping the amount an adopter can be charged, which results in the potential minimal revenue loss to various municipalities identified above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact described above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of adopters that utilize the program.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6323 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION FEES FOR DOGS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a municipality to charge an individual who buys a dog as a pet from a municipal pound the cost it incurred to have the dog spayed or neutered and vaccinated up to \$150. By law, an animal control officer 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.

*House Amendment "A" limits the amount charged to \$150.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Animal Population Control Program***

The law establishes a voucher system for paying veterinarians who vaccinate and sterilize impounded, quarantined, or stray dogs and cats. By law, people acquiring an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat from a pound must pay the pound \$45 for a voucher to sterilize and vaccinate the animal. The law also allows pounds to redeem the voucher and have the animal sterilized and vaccinated before releasing it to the person adopting or buying it (CGS § 22-380f).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2013)