



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5202

LCO No. 126

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
REP. CAMILLO, 151st Dist.

AN ACT REQUIRING EUTHANIZATIONS OF CATS AND DOGS TO BE PERFORMED IN A HUMANE MANNER BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that whenever any
2 cat or dog is euthanized, such euthanization be performed in a
3 humane manner by a licensed veterinarian, provided such
4 requirement shall not apply to: (1) Any cat or dog that is attacking a
5 person or another animal under circumstances where a reasonable
6 person would consider such attack lifethreatening to a person or
7 another animal or likely to cause serious physical injury to a person or
8 another animal, (2) the euthanization of any farm animal or livestock,
9 or (3) the euthanization of any cat or dog by any law enforcement
10 officer in the course of his or her duties. Furthermore, any person who
11 violates such provision shall be fined not more than one thousand
12 dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

13 Moreover, it shall be a defense to prosecution under such provision
14 that such person euthanized such cat or dog with a life-threatening

15 injury in order to prevent such cat or dog's further suffering.

Statement of Purpose:

To require that when a cat or dog is euthanized that such euthanization be performed in a humane manner by a licensed veterinarian.