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"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS OBTAINED FROM SUBSTANDARD DOMESTIC ANIMAL MILLS AND REQUIRING A STANDARD OF CARE APPLICABLE TO ANIMAL IMPORTERS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study the proliferation of dogs and cats sourced from inhumane
5 origins and sold in Connecticut pet shops. Such study shall include,
6 but not be limited to, an examination of how to amend the general
7 statutes to provide for the reduction of such proliferation.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

10 one of whom shall be a local breeder of dogs or cats and one of whom
11 shall be a member of Connecticut Votes for Animals;

12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
13 of whom shall be a member of the Humane Society of the United States
14 and one of whom shall be a member of the Senate;

15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, who shall be a member of the House of
17 Representatives;

18 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
19 a member of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council;

20 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut
22 Veterinary Medical Association and one of whom shall be a member of
23 the House of Representatives;

24 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
25 whom shall be a member of the American Society for the Prevention of
26 Cruelty to Animals and one of whom shall be a member of the Senate;
27 and

28 (7) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's
29 designee.

30 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
31 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
32 filled by the appointing authority.

33 (d) One chairperson of such task force shall be a member of the
34 majority party of the Senate and one chairperson of such task force
35 shall be a member of the minority party of the House of
36 Representatives. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of
37 the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
38 effective date of this section.

39 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
 41 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

42 (f) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a report
 43 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
 44 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
 45 environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 46 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
 47 submits such report or January 1, 2014, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section