



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 401**

January Session, 2013

House Bill No. 6323

*House of Representatives, April 8, 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 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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.

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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**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** See Below

***Explanation***

The bill allows a municipality to charge a buyer any cost it incurred to have an adopted dog spayed or neutered and vaccinated. Currently, a person adopting a dog pays a \$45 fee which entitles them to a one-time voucher to be used for sterilizations and vaccinations.

To the extent a municipality performs these services and a dog is adopted, it is anticipated that there would be no fiscal impact as the municipality is expected to charge the buyer for its costs.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the status of the animal (whether it is adopted or euthanized) and subject to the actual cost of services.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6323*****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, any cost it incurred to have the dog spayed or neutered and vaccinated. 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.

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.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2013)