



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 569**

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House Bill No. 5729

*House of Representatives, April 13, 2015*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ALBIS of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING KENNEL SERVICES ADVERTISEMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22-344 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) (1) No person shall maintain a commercial kennel until he has  
5 obtained from the commissioner a license to maintain such kennel  
6 under such regulations as the commissioner provides as to sanitation,  
7 disease and humane treatment of dogs or cats and the protection of the  
8 public safety. Upon written application and the payment of a fee of  
9 two hundred dollars, the commissioner shall issue such license to be  
10 effective until the ensuing December thirty-first provided the  
11 commissioner finds (A) that such regulations have been complied  
12 with, and (B) in the case of each initial application for such license, that  
13 the zoning enforcement official of the municipality wherein such

14 kennel is to be maintained has certified that the kennel conforms to the  
 15 municipal zoning regulations. Such license shall be renewed annually,  
 16 not later than December thirty-first, in accordance with the provisions  
 17 of this section, and may be transferred by the licensee to another  
 18 premises upon approval of the commissioner.

19 (2) Any person who [maintains a commercial kennel and who  
 20 advertises the services of such commercial kennel] advertises kennel  
 21 services shall cause the license number for such [commercial] kennel,  
 22 as issued pursuant to this section, to clearly appear in such  
 23 advertisement. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in  
 24 accordance with chapter 54, to prescribe the requirements for the  
 25 appearance of [the] such license number [of a commercial kennel] in  
 26 any form of advertisement. Such regulation may include, but need not  
 27 be limited to, the size, font and location of such license number for any  
 28 given form of advertisement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-344(a)

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill requires all advertisers of kennel services to display certain information in advertisements. This does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires anyone who advertises kennel services, rather than anyone who maintains and advertises a commercial kennel, to include the kennel license number in any advertisements. By law, a person must have a license from the agriculture commissioner to operate a commercial kennel, and the commissioner may adopt regulations to establish the size, font, and location of license numbers in advertisements.

Under the law, a “commercial kennel” is a kennel maintained for boarding or grooming dogs or cats, including a veterinary hospital that boards or grooms dogs or cats for nonmedical reasons. A “kennel” is a pack or collection of dogs (1) kept by one owner at a single location and (2) bred for show, sport, or sale (CGS § 22-327).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23    Nay 6    (03/25/2015)