



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6728

House of Representatives, March 17, 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 CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO ANIMAL IMPORTER RECORDS REQUIREMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 22-344f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (b) Each animal importer shall maintain a record of: [the] (1) The
5 veterinary services rendered to each dog or cat imported into this state
6 by such animal importer, and (2) adoption information, including, but
7 not limited to, the date of adoption, the location of such adoption and
8 the name and address of the person who adopts such animal. Such
9 [record] records shall be maintained by such animal importer for a
10 period of three years. Any animal importer who violates the provisions
11 of this subsection shall be fined five hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	22-344f(b)

ENV *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill (1) requires private animal importers to maintain dog and cat adoption records for three years, and (2) subjects violators to a \$500 fine. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact, as no fines have been issued for this purpose in the past ten fiscal years.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6728*****AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO ANIMAL IMPORTER RECORDS REQUIREMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires animal importers to maintain adoption records for imported cats and dogs for three years after an adoption. The records must include the (1) adoption date and location and (2) adopter's name and address. Violators are subject to a \$500 fine.

An animal importer is a person who brings a cat or dog into Connecticut from another sovereign entity to (1) offer it for sale, adoption, or transfer or (2) give it to anyone in exchange for fee, service, or other consideration (e.g., a commercial or nonprofit animal rescue organization). By law, an importer cannot sell, transfer, or give an imported animal up for adoption unless a state-licensed veterinarian examined it within 15 days before the transaction and issued the importer a certificate attesting to the animal's good health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (02/27/2015)