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House Bill No. 6728
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 18, 2015

**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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) information concerning the sale,
7 adoption or transfer of each such dog or cat, including, but not limited
8 to, the date of sale, adoption or transfer, the location of such sale,
9 adoption or transfer and the name and address of the person who
10 purchases, adopts or takes possession of such animal. Such [record]
11 records shall be maintained by such animal importer for a period of
12 three years. Any animal importer who violates the provisions of this
13 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)

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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.

House "A" expands the animal importer record retention requirements which results in the impact described above.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6728 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO ANIMAL IMPORTER RECORDS REQUIREMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires animal importers to maintain records of the sale, adoption, or transfer of imported cats and dogs for three years after a transaction. The records must include the (1) transaction date and location and (2) name and address of the person taking possession of the animal. 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 a fee, service, or other consideration (e.g., a commercial or nonprofit animal rescue organization). By law, an importer may not 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.

*House Amendment "A" expands the animal importer record retention requirements to include records on the sale or transfer of imported cats and dogs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (02/27/2015)