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House Bill No. 5148

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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 REGARDING COMMERCIAL 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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 or offer the
5 services of a commercial kennel, as defined in section 22-327, until he
6 or she has obtained from the commissioner a license to maintain [such]
7 a commercial kennel under such regulations as the commissioner
8 provides as to sanitation, disease and humane treatment of dogs or
9 cats and the protection of the public safety. Upon written application
10 and the payment of a fee of two hundred dollars, the commissioner
11 shall issue such license to be effective until the ensuing December
12 thirty-first provided the commissioner finds (A) that such regulations
13 have been complied with, and (B) in the case of each initial application

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

21 (2) Any person who maintains a commercial kennel [and who
 22 advertises the services of such commercial kennel] or who offers the
 23 services of a commercial kennel, as defined in section 22-327, when
 24 advertising such commercial kennel or services shall cause the
 25 assigned license number, [for such commercial kennel,] as issued
 26 pursuant to [this section] subdivision (1) of this subsection, to clearly
 27 appear in [such] any form of advertisement for such commercial
 28 kennel or services. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in
 29 accordance with chapter 54, to prescribe the requirements for the
 30 appearance of [the] such license number [of a commercial kennel] in
 31 any form of advertisement. Such regulation may include, but need not
 32 be limited to, the size, font and location of such license number for any
 33 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 anyone who offers kennel services to display certain information in advertisements. This does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5148*****AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES REGARDING COMMERCIAL KENNEL SERVICES ADVERTISEMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires anyone who offers commercial kennel services, such as boarding or grooming dogs, to obtain a commercial kennel license from the agriculture commissioner and include the license number in any advertisement for his or her services. These are current requirements for anyone who maintains a commercial kennel. As under existing law, a license applicant must apply to the commissioner in writing, pay a \$200 fee, and comply with relevant state and municipal regulations. Licenses expire December 31 and may be renewed annually. By law, the commissioner may adopt regulations to establish the size, font, and location of license numbers in advertisements.

Under the law, a “commercial kennel” is maintained for boarding or grooming dogs or cats, including a veterinary hospital that boards or grooms dogs or cats for nonmedical reasons.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (02/24/2016)