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House Bill No. 5148
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 14, 2016

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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

16 kennel is to be maintained has certified that the kennel conforms to the
 17 municipal zoning regulations. Such license shall be renewed annually,
 18 not later than December thirty-first, in accordance with the provisions
 19 of this section, and may be transferred by the licensee to another
 20 premises upon approval of the 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, as
 24 amended by this act, when advertising such commercial kennel or
 25 services shall cause the assigned license number, [for such commercial
 26 kennel,] as issued pursuant to [this section] subdivision (1) of this
 27 subsection, to clearly appear in [such] any form of advertisement for
 28 such commercial kennel or services. The commissioner may adopt
 29 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to prescribe the
 30 requirements for the appearance of [the] such license number [of a
 31 commercial kennel] in any form of advertisement. Such regulation
 32 may include, but need not be limited to, the size, font and location of
 33 such license number for any given form of advertisement.

34 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of section 22-327 of the general statutes is
 35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 36 *passage*):

37 (3) "Commercial kennel" means a [kennel] place maintained for
 38 boarding or grooming dogs or cats, and includes, but is not limited to,
 39 any veterinary hospital which boards or grooms dogs or cats for
 40 nonmedical purposes;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-344(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-327(3)

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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.

House "A" makes a technical change which does not alter the fiscal impact described above.

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OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5148 (as amended by House "A")******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 dog boarding or grooming, 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.

A "commercial kennel" is a place maintained for the boarding or grooming of dogs or cats, including a veterinary hospital that boards or grooms dogs or cats for nonmedical reasons.

*House Amendment "A" makes a technical correction to the definition of commercial kennel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (02/24/2016)