



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5362**

LCO No. 1603



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF MUNICIPAL POUNDS AND SHELTERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 22-344 of the 2018 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

4 (f) No person shall operate or maintain an animal shelter until he or  
5 she registers such animal shelter with the commissioner to operate and  
6 maintain such animal shelter under such regulations as the  
7 commissioner provides as to sanitation, disease and humane treatment  
8 of dogs or cats and the protection of the public safety. Upon written  
9 application and payment of a fee of fifty dollars to offset  
10 administrative costs of such registrations, the commissioner shall issue  
11 such registration to be effective until the second December thirty-first  
12 following issuance provided the commissioner finds (A) that such  
13 regulations have been complied with, and (B) in the case of each initial  
14 application for such registration, that the zoning enforcement official  
15 of the municipality wherein such animal shelter is to be operated or

16 maintained has certified that the animal shelter conforms to the  
17 municipal zoning regulations. Such registration shall be renewed  
18 biennially, not later than December thirty-first, in accordance with the  
19 provisions of this section, and may be transferred by the registrant to  
20 another premises upon approval of the commissioner. For purposes of  
21 this subsection, "animal shelter" means any: [private] (1) Private entity  
22 that operates a building or facility that is used solely to house  
23 homeless animals for the purpose of rescue or adoption and that is not  
24 operated within a private residence, or (2) municipal pound or shelter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	22-344(f)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require municipal pounds and shelters to register with the Department of Agriculture and follow the same sanitation and animal treatment standards as other registered facilities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*