



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5386

House of Representatives, April 9, 2019

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. DEMICCO, M. of the 21st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF DOGS, CATS AND RABBITS AT PET SHOPS THAT ARE NOT FROM ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Agriculture
2 shall review and assess the state of California's implementation of the
3 requirement that pet shops in said state only offer dogs, cats or rabbits
4 for sale if such animals are obtained from a municipal animal shelter or
5 animal rescue organization. Such review shall include, but not be
6 limited to, an identification of any problems experienced by regulatory
7 agencies in said state in implementing and enforcing such
8 requirement, an assessment of the business impact on such pet shops,
9 the satisfaction of customers of such pet shops with the animals
10 purchased pursuant to such requirement and any regulations
11 established for such shelters or organizations as a result of or relevant
12 to such requirement. Not later than January 1, 2020, the commissioner
13 shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
14 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

15 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on such
16 review and assessment and shall include any recommendation for the
17 implementation of such requirement in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) to review and assess California's requirement that dogs, cats, or rabbits sold in that state's pet shops be sourced from municipal animal shelters or animal rescue organizations. DoAg must report to the Environment Committee by January 1, 2020 on recommendations for implementation for these requirements in Connecticut.

This has no fiscal impact as DoAg currently has the expertise to perform the review, assessment, and make legislative recommendations.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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