



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 997

LCO No. 4812



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING DOG LICENSING FEES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-338 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) Each owner or keeper of a dog of the age of six months or older,
4 except dogs kept under a kennel license as provided in section 22-342,
5 shall cause such dog to be licensed in the town clerk's office in the
6 town where such dog is kept, on or before June thirtieth, annually, or
7 at such time as such dog becomes six months old, and annually
8 thereafter, on or before June thirtieth. The owner or keeper shall pay to
9 such town clerk for such license the sum of [seven] ten dollars for each
10 neutered male or spayed female dog and the sum of [twelve] twenty
11 dollars for each unneutered male dog and each unspayed female dog,
12 and [one] two additional [dollar] dollars in each case as the town
13 clerk's fee for issuing a tag and license as provided in section 22-340.
14 [Two] Three dollars from each license fee collected for a neutered or
15 spayed dog shall be deposited into the animal population control
16 account, established under section 22-380g. If an owner or keeper of a

17 dog fails to procure a license as required by this section, such owner or
18 keeper shall pay the appropriate license fee specified in this section,
19 the town clerk's fee and a penalty of one dollar for each month or
20 fraction thereof the dog remains unlicensed.

21 (b) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog under
22 subsection (a) of this section, except for those owners or keepers
23 possessing a rabies vaccination exemption certificate, or a copy thereof,
24 issued pursuant to section 22-339b, shall submit to the town clerk a
25 rabies certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian, or a copy thereof,
26 stating that such dog has been vaccinated against rabies, the date of the
27 vaccination and the duration of the immunity provided by the vaccine.
28 No license shall be issued unless the certificate indicates that the
29 immunity provided by the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing.

30 (c) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog pursuant to
31 subsection (a) of this section that has been exempted from vaccination
32 against rabies pursuant to section 22-339b shall submit to the town
33 clerk a rabies vaccination exemption certificate issued by the
34 department, or a copy thereof, in lieu of a rabies certificate.

35 (d) This section shall not apply to any dog which is imported into
36 this state for exhibition purposes and which does not remain in this
37 state for more than thirty days. Any person may import, from another
38 state, any licensed dog with collar, tag and rabies vaccination
39 certificate, and keep the same in this state for not more than thirty
40 days, without complying with the provisions of this section.

41 Sec. 2. Section 22-380l of the general statutes is repealed and the
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

43 For each license issued pursuant to section 22-338, as amended by
44 this act, for an unspayed or unneutered dog, the town clerk shall
45 collect a surcharge of [six] eight dollars which shall be deposited by
46 such clerk into the animal population control account established
47 pursuant to section 22-380g.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	22-338
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	22-380 l

Statement of Purpose:

To increase funds generated for the animal population control program in order to pay veterinarians for their services and to enable towns to better offset costs related to municipal animal shelters.

[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.]