



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 999

LCO No. 4813



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEE FOR ADOPTING A DOG, CAT OR OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMAL FROM A MUNICIPAL POUND AND REQUIRING THE LICENSING OF SUCH CATS AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 22-332 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (c) The town treasurer or other fiscal officer shall pay from the dog
5 fund account the advertising expense incurred under the provisions of
6 this section upon receipt of an itemized statement together with a copy
7 of the advertisement as published. Any person who purchases a dog,
8 cat or other domestic animal as a pet shall pay a fee of [~~five~~] fifteen
9 dollars to the municipal animal shelter or dog pound and procure a
10 license and tag for such dog, cat or other domestic animal from the
11 town clerk, in accordance with the provisions of section 22-338, as
12 amended by this act. In addition to the [~~five-dollar~~] fifteen-dollar fee,
13 any person who purchases a dog, cat or other domestic animal as a pet

14 may be charged the cost the municipality incurred, if any, to spay or
15 neuter and vaccinate the dog, provided such charge shall not exceed
16 one hundred fifty dollars.

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 Section 22-338 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

19 (a) Each owner or keeper of a dog of the age of six months or older,
20 except dogs kept under a kennel license as provided in section 22-342,
21 and each owner of a cat or other domestic animal adopted from a
22 municipal animal shelter or dog pound shall cause such dog, cat or
23 other domestic animal to be licensed in the town clerk's office in the
24 town where such dog, cat or other domestic animal is kept, on or
25 before June thirtieth, annually, or at such time as such dog, cat or other
26 domestic animal becomes six months old, and annually thereafter, on
27 or before June thirtieth. The owner or keeper shall pay to such town
28 clerk for such license the sum of [seven] ten dollars for each such
29 neutered male or spayed female dog, cat or other domestic animal and
30 the sum of [twelve] fifteen dollars for each such unneutered male dog,
31 cat or other domestic animal and each such unspayed female dog, cat
32 or other domestic animal, and [one] two additional [dollar] dollars in
33 each case as the town clerk's fee for issuing a tag and license as
34 provided in section 22-340. [Two] Three dollars from each license fee
35 collected for [a] such neutered or spayed dog, cat or other domestic
36 animal shall be deposited into the animal population control account,
37 established under section 22-380g. If an owner or keeper of [a] such
38 dog, cat or other domestic animal fails to procure a license as required
39 by this section, such owner or keeper shall pay the appropriate license
40 fee specified in this section, the town clerk's fee and a penalty of one
41 dollar for each month or fraction thereof [the] such dog, cat or other
42 domestic animal remains unlicensed.

43 (b) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for [a] such dog, cat
44 or other domestic animal under subsection (a) of this section, except
45 for those owners or keepers possessing a rabies vaccination exemption
46 certificate, or a copy thereof, issued pursuant to section 22-339b, shall

47 submit to the town clerk a rabies certificate signed by a licensed
48 veterinarian, or a copy thereof, stating that such dog, cat or other
49 domestic animal has been vaccinated against rabies, the date of the
50 vaccination and the duration of the immunity provided by the vaccine.
51 No license shall be issued unless the certificate indicates that the
52 immunity provided by the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing.

53 (c) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for [a] such dog or
54 cat pursuant to subsection (a) of this section that has been exempted
55 from vaccination against rabies pursuant to section 22-339b shall
56 submit to the town clerk a rabies vaccination exemption certificate
57 issued by the department, or a copy thereof, in lieu of a rabies
58 certificate.

59 (d) This section shall not apply to any dog, cat or other domestic
60 animal which is imported into this state for exhibition purposes and
61 which does not remain in this state for more than thirty days. Any
62 person may import, from another state, any licensed dog, cat or other
63 domestic animal with collar, tag and rabies vaccination certificate, and
64 keep the same in this state for not more than thirty days, without
65 complying with the provisions of this section.

66 Sec. 3. Section 22-380*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the
67 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

68 For each license issued pursuant to section 22-338, as amended by
69 this act, for an unspayed or unneutered dog, cat or other domestic
70 animal the town clerk shall collect a surcharge of [six] eight dollars
71 which shall be deposited by such clerk into the animal population
72 control account established 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>	22-332(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	22-338
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	22-380 <i>l</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the fee paid by anyone adopting a dog from a municipal shelter and to require the payment of such fee for anyone adopting a cat or other domestic animal from a municipal shelter and to require the licensing of such cats and other domestic animals.

[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.]