



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1077

January Session, 2019



AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-336 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Each city or town, other than towns participating in a regional dog
4 pound, shall (1) provide and maintain for use as a dog pound a
5 suitable building, which shall be made comfortable for the detention
6 and care of dogs and other domestic animals and kept in a sanitary
7 condition, or (2) provide, through written agreement, for the detention
8 and care of impounded dogs or other domestic animals by a licensed
9 veterinarian, or in a licensed veterinary hospital, licensed commercial
10 kennel, a dog pound maintained by another city or town, or other
11 suitable facility approved by the commissioner. Any city or town may
12 provide for the use of such building or facility to shelter other
13 domestic animals that are found injured, mistreated or roaming in a
14 manner that endangers the domestic animal or the public. The
15 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
16 provisions of chapter 54, concerning the construction and maintenance
17 of dog pounds or other facilities where impounded dogs or other
18 domestic animals are kept, and the care, handling and transportation
19 of dogs or other domestic animals by municipal animal control

20 officers. The commissioner shall approve the use of any facility as a
21 regional dog pound facility if the commissioner determines that the
22 building design of such facility does not reasonably permit
23 modification of the outdoor run at such facility to satisfy any
24 regulatory requirement for such run. The commissioner may inspect
25 any dog pound or other facility where impounded dogs or other
26 domestic animals are kept and may issue such orders as the
27 commissioner deems necessary to correct any improper conditions
28 found to exist. If such orders are not complied with, the commissioner
29 may request the Attorney General to bring an action for their
30 enforcement, including suit for an injunction in the judicial district in
31 which the dog pound or facility is located.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 22-336 |

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*