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HB-5386

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

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Department of Agriculture	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$20,000	Less than \$20,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	None	Less than \$2,500 per municipality

Explanation

The amendment allows the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) to establish an identification tag program for therapy dogs. If DoAg does not do so by October 1, 2020, the amendment allows municipalities to establish such a program.

There is a potential cost to DoAg if it chooses to establish an identification tag program for therapy dogs. Such cost, estimated to be less than \$20,000, is associated with purchasing or printing such identification tags for distribution statewide. A municipality that established such a program is estimated to incur costs of less than

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\$2,500, assuming town wide rather than statewide distribution.

Due to the timing of the amendment, any municipality that chose to establish identification tag programs for therapy dogs would not incur any cost until FY 21.

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