AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL.

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

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 Section 22-336 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

Each city or town, other than towns participating in a regional dog pound, shall (1) provide and maintain for use as a dog pound a suitable building, which shall be made comfortable for the detention and care of dogs and other domestic animals and kept in a sanitary condition, or (2) provide, through written agreement, for the detention and care of impounded dogs or other domestic animals by a licensed veterinarian, or in a licensed veterinary hospital, licensed commercial kennel, a dog pound maintained by another city or town, or other suitable facility approved by the commissioner. Any city or town may provide for the use of such building or facility to shelter other domestic animals that are found injured, mistreated or roaming in a manner that endangers the domestic animal or the public. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the construction and maintenance of dog pounds or other facilities where impounded dogs or other domestic animals are kept, and the care, handling and transportation of dogs or other domestic animals by municipal animal control officers. The commissioner shall approve the use of any facility as a regional dog pound facility if the commissioner determines that the
The building design of such facility does not reasonably permit modification of the outdoor run at such facility to satisfy any regulatory requirement for such run. The commissioner may inspect any dog pound or other facility where impounded dogs or other domestic animals are kept and may issue such orders as the commissioner deems necessary to correct any improper conditions found to exist. If such orders are not complied with, the commissioner may request the Attorney General to bring an action for their enforcement, including suit for an injunction in the judicial district in which the dog pound or facility is located.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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