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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN DOMESTIC ANIMAL RELATED STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-327 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Animal" means any [brute creature] domestic animal that
5 humans selectively breed in captivity and that live in close association
6 with humans, including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, [monkeys,]
7 guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, [birds and reptiles] livestock, as defined
8 in section 22-381, poultry, as defined in section 22-324, and pet birds,
9 amphibians, fish or reptiles offered for sale by a pet shop and that is
10 certified as having been bred in captivity;

11 (2) "Chief Animal Control Officer", "Assistant Chief Animal Control
12 Officer" and "animal control officer" mean, respectively, the Chief State
13 Animal Control Officer, the Assistant Chief State Animal Control
14 Officer and a state animal control officer appointed under section 22-

15 328;

16 (3) "Commercial kennel" means a place maintained for boarding or
17 grooming dogs or cats, and includes, but is not limited to, any veterinary
18 hospital which boards or grooms dogs or cats for nonmedical purposes;

19 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;

20 (5) "Grooming facility" means any place, [other than a commercial
21 kennel, which] including any vehicle or trailer, that is maintained as a
22 business where dogs are groomed;

23 (6) "Keeper" means any person, other than the owner, harboring or
24 having in his possession any dog;

25 [(7) "Kennel" means one pack or collection of dogs which are kept
26 under one ownership at a single location and are bred for show, sport
27 or sale;]

28 [(8)] (7) "Municipal animal control officer" means any such officer
29 appointed under the provisions of section 22-331;

30 [(9)] (8) "Pet shop" means any place at which animals not born and
31 raised on the premises are kept for the purpose of sale to the public;

32 [(10)] (9) "Poultry" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-
33 326s;

34 [(11)] (10) "Regional animal control officer" and "assistant regional
35 animal control officer" means a regional [Connecticut] animal control
36 officer and an assistant regional [Connecticut] animal control officer
37 appointed under the provisions of section 22-331a;

38 [(12)] (11) "Training facility" means any place [, other than a
39 commercial kennel or grooming facility, which] that is maintained as a
40 business where dogs are trained;

41 [(13)] (12) "Service animal" has the same meaning as provided in 28
42 CFR 35.104 and includes any animal in training to become a service

43 animal.

44 Sec. 2. Subsections (e) to (h), inclusive, of section 22-329a of the
 45 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 46 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

47 (e) If physical custody of an animal has not been taken pursuant to
 48 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, and such officer has reasonable cause
 49 to believe that an animal is neglected or is cruelly treated in violation of
 50 section 22-366, 22-415, 53-247, 53-248, 53-249, 53-249a, 53-250, 53-251 or
 51 53-252, such officer may file a petition with the superior court which has
 52 venue over such matter or with the superior court for the judicial district
 53 of Hartford at Hartford, plainly stating such facts of neglect or cruel
 54 treatment as to bring the animal within the jurisdiction of the court and
 55 praying for appropriate action by the court to ensure the welfare of the
 56 animal, including, but not limited to, physical removal and temporary
 57 care and custody of the animal, an order to compel the owner of any
 58 such animal to provide care in a manner that the court determines is
 59 necessary, authorization of an animal control officer or regional animal
 60 control officer appointed pursuant to section 22-328, 22-331 or 22-331a,
 61 as applicable, or a licensed veterinarian to provide care for the animal
 62 on site, vesting of ownership of the animal, the posting of a bond in
 63 accordance with subsection (f) of this section and the assessment of costs
 64 in accordance with subsection (h) of this section. Upon the filing of such
 65 petition, the court shall cause a summons for an order to show cause to
 66 be issued requiring the owner or owners or person having responsibility
 67 for the care of the animal, if known, to appear in court at the time and
 68 place named. If the owner or owners or person having responsibility for
 69 the care of the animal is not known, notice of the time and place of the
 70 hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper having a
 71 circulation in the town where the animal is located not less than forty-
 72 eight hours prior to the date and time of the hearing. If it appears from
 73 the allegations of the petition filed pursuant to this subsection and other
 74 affirmations of fact accompanying the petition, or provided subsequent
 75 thereto, that there is reasonable cause to find that the animal's condition
 76 or the circumstances surrounding its care require the immediate

77 removal of the animal from the owner or owners or person having
78 responsibility for the care of the animal to safeguard its welfare, the
79 court shall issue an order vesting in some suitable state, municipal or
80 other public or private agency or person the animal's temporary care
81 and custody pending a hearing on the petition which hearing shall be
82 held not later than ten days after the issuance of such order for such
83 temporary care and custody. The service of such order may be made by
84 any officer authorized by law to serve process, state police officer or
85 indifferent person and shall be served not less than forty-eight hours
86 prior to the date and time of such hearing.

87 (f) If the court issues an order vesting the animal's temporary care
88 and custody in some suitable state, municipal or other public or private
89 agency or person, the owner or owners shall either relinquish
90 ownership of the animal or post a [surety bond or] cash bond with the
91 agency or person in whom the animal's temporary care and custody was
92 vested or with such agency's counsel of record in the case. The [surety
93 bond or] cash bond shall be in the amount of [five hundred] one
94 thousand dollars for each animal placed in the temporary care or
95 custody of such agency or person and shall secure payment for the
96 reasonable expenses of the agency or person having temporary care and
97 custody of the animal in caring and providing for such animal until the
98 court makes a finding as to the animal's disposition under subsection (g)
99 of this section. The requirement that a bond be posted may be waived if
100 such owner provides satisfactory evidence that such owner is indigent
101 and unable to pay for such bond.

102 (g) (1) If, after hearing, the court finds that the animal is neglected or
103 cruelly treated, it shall vest ownership of the animal in any state,
104 municipal or other public or private agency which is permitted by law
105 to care for neglected or cruelly treated animals or with any person found
106 to be suitable or worthy of such responsibility by the court.

107 (2) If, after hearing, the court finds that the animal is so injured or
108 diseased that it should be humanely euthanized, the court may order
109 that such animal be humanely euthanized by a licensed veterinarian.

110 (3) If, after hearing, the court finds that the animal is not neglected or
111 cruelly treated, it may cause the animal to be returned to its owner or
112 owners or person having responsibility for its care or, if such owner or
113 owners or person is unknown or unwilling to resume caring for such
114 animal, it may vest ownership of the animal in any state, municipal or
115 other public or private agency or person found to be suitable or worthy
116 of such responsibility.

117 (4) If the court makes a finding under subdivision (1) or (2) of this
118 subsection less than thirty days after the issuance of an order of
119 temporary care and custody and the owner of the animal has posted a
120 bond, the agency or person with whom the bond was posted shall return
121 the balance of such bond, if any, to the owner. The amount of the bond
122 to be returned to the owner shall be calculated at the rate of fifteen
123 dollars per day per animal or twenty-five dollars per day per animal if
124 the animal is a horse or other large livestock for the number of days less
125 than thirty that such agency or person has not had temporary care and
126 custody of the animal less any veterinary costs and expenses incurred
127 for the welfare of the animal.

128 (5) If the court makes a finding under subdivision (3) of this
129 subsection after the issuance of an order of temporary care and custody
130 and the owner of the animal has posted a bond, the agency or person
131 with whom the bond was posted shall return such bond to such owner.

132 (h) If the court finds that the animal is neglected or cruelly treated,
133 the expenses incurred by the state or a municipality in providing proper
134 food, shelter and care to an animal it has taken custody of under
135 subsection (a) or (b) of this section and the expenses incurred by any
136 state, municipal or other public or private agency or person in providing
137 temporary care and custody pursuant to an order vesting temporary
138 care and custody, calculated at the rate of [fifteen] twenty dollars per
139 day per animal or [twenty-five] thirty dollars per day per animal if the
140 animal is a horse or other large livestock until the date ownership is
141 vested pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of this section shall
142 be paid by the owner or owners or person having responsibility for the

143 care of the animal. In addition, all veterinary costs and expenses
 144 incurred for the welfare of the animal [that are not covered by the per
 145 diem rate] shall be paid by the owner or owners or person having
 146 responsibility for the animal.

147 Sec. 3. Section 22-334 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 148 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

149 On or before the tenth day of each month, each municipal animal
 150 control officer shall [present to the chief administrative officer of the
 151 town a sworn statement of the services rendered by the municipal
 152 animal control officer in the performance of official duties during the
 153 previous month] report their services rendered in the performance of
 154 their official duties for the previous month to the Commissioner of
 155 Agriculture and the chief administrative officer for the town or region
 156 in which such services were rendered. The commissioner shall prescribe
 157 and provide the forms for such statements. [and a copy of each such
 158 statement shall be forwarded to the commissioner by the chief
 159 administrative officer promptly upon receipt. Upon presentation of
 160 such statement, each municipal animal control officer, other than an
 161 officer employed on a salary basis, shall be paid by such city or town
 162 from the dog fund account (1) five dollars for each dog returned to its
 163 owner or sold as a pet and four dollars for each dog captured,
 164 impounded and killed, or otherwise disposed of as provided in this
 165 chapter, (2) such expenses as the appointing authority may approve and
 166 (3) such other remuneration as the officers having jurisdiction thereof
 167 direct. Each municipal animal control officer employed on a salary basis
 168 shall be paid, in addition to a regular salary, a bonus of one dollar for
 169 each dog returned to its owner or sold as a pet. Each municipal animal
 170 control officer shall pay to the town treasurer or other fiscal officer for
 171 deposit in the dog fund account all moneys received by the officer in the
 172 performance of official duties. Each regional animal control officer shall
 173 pay to the commissioner for deposit with the State Treasurer all such
 174 moneys received by the officer. Such moneys shall be deposited in the
 175 dog fund account and credited to the town from which it was collected
 176 for purposes of payment of the amount due under subsection (b) of

177 section 22-331a.]

178 Sec. 4. Section 22-342 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 179 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

180 (a) Any owner or keeper of a [kennel] facility who breeds more than
 181 two litters of dogs annually shall apply to the town clerk in the town in
 182 which such [kennel] facility is located for a breeding kennel license. Any
 183 owner or keeper of a [kennel] facility who breeds not more than two
 184 litters of dogs annually may apply to the town clerk of the town in which
 185 such [kennel] facility is located for a breeding kennel license. For the
 186 purposes of this section, annually shall refer to the breeding kennel
 187 license year which begins July first. Such town clerk shall issue to such
 188 applicant a breeding kennel license on a form prescribed by the
 189 commissioner for a period from the date of such application until the
 190 thirtieth day of the ensuing June. The license shall specify the name and
 191 number of the breeding kennel, the name of the owner and the name of
 192 the keeper and shall be in lieu of any other license required for any dog
 193 of either sex which may be kept in such breeding kennel during the
 194 period for which the license is issued. Each license may be renewed from
 195 year to year by the town clerk upon application of such owner or keeper.
 196 Each such owner or keeper shall cause to be kept, upon each dog in such
 197 breeding kennel, while it is at large, a collar or harness of leather or other
 198 suitable material, to which collar or harness shall be securely attached a
 199 tag or plate upon which shall appear the number of the breeding kennel
 200 license, the name of the town issuing the license and the year of license.
 201 Such plates or tags shall be furnished by the town clerk of the town in
 202 which such breeding kennel is licensed, at a cost of ten cents each, in
 203 such numbers, not fewer than the number of dogs kept in such breeding
 204 kennel, and at such time as the licensee may request. The fee for each
 205 breeding kennel license, when no more than ten dogs are kept in the
 206 breeding kennel, shall be fifty dollars, and for a license for a breeding
 207 kennel containing more than ten dogs, the fee shall be one hundred
 208 dollars, except that in the case of a breeding kennel started after the first
 209 day of July, the license fee for the remainder of the year shall be a
 210 proportional part of the fee charged for one year. If the owner or keeper

211 of any established [kennel] facility fails to obtain the breeding kennel
212 license, as required by this section, on or before June thirtieth, [he] such
213 owner or keeper shall pay one dollar for each dog kept therein, in
214 addition to the regular breeding kennel license fee.

215 (b) [The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer or any state
216 animal control officer may at any time inspect any kennel including all
217 facilities of any kennel in which dogs are bred or housed or cause it to
218 be inspected by a Connecticut licensed veterinarian appointed by the
219 commissioner. If, in the judgment of the commissioner, such kennel is
220 not being maintained in good repair and in a sanitary and humane
221 manner or if the commissioner finds that communicable or infectious
222 disease or other unsatisfactory conditions exist in the kennel, he may
223 issue such orders as he deems necessary for the correction of such
224 conditions and may quarantine the premises and animals. If the owner
225 or keeper of such kennel fails to comply with such orders, the
226 commissioner shall revoke or suspend the kennel license of such owner
227 or keeper.] Any facility used as a breeding kennel may be inspected by
228 any animal control officer appointed pursuant to section 22-331 or 22-
229 331a with jurisdiction in the municipality in which the breeding kennel
230 is located and upon receipt of any complaint concerning such facility.
231 Such inspection may include review of the sanitary conditions in which
232 the dogs are kept, compliance with any dog's access to proper and
233 wholesome food, water, exercise and veterinary care when necessary,
234 including rabies vaccinations and records of veterinary care and the
235 transfer of dogs or puppies to new owners. Any crate or other
236 enclosures in which dogs are kept for more than four hours shall be
237 clean and in good repair such that they do not pose a hazard to the dogs
238 and shall be of sufficient size as to allow the dogs to stand, sit, lie down,
239 turn around and make normal postural movements. If any such animal
240 control officer finds conditions exist in the breeding kennel that may
241 adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the dogs, such officer
242 may issue such orders as are necessary for the correction of such
243 conditions. If such animal control officer suspects a communicable or
244 infectious disease is present, such officer may order the licensee to

245 consult a licensed veterinarian in this state at such licensee's own
246 expense to address the suspected health condition. The licensee shall be
247 required to implement any recommendations and orders of the animal
248 control officer and any recommendations of the attending veterinarian.
249 The municipality may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue any license
250 under this section for cause.

251 (c) Any person aggrieved by any order issued under the provisions
252 of this section may appeal to the [Superior Court in accordance with the
253 provisions of section 4-183] superior court of the judicial district in
254 which such municipality is located, provided such appeal is made not
255 later than fifteen days after the date of the order.

256 (d) Any person maintaining a breeding kennel after such license has
257 been revoked or suspended as herein provided shall be guilty of a class
258 [B] D misdemeanor.

259 (e) Any owner or keeper of a breeding kennel who breeds more than
260 two litters of dogs annually and (1) fails to apply for a breeding kennel
261 license as required in subsection (a) of this section, [or] (2) fails to allow
262 an inspection of such facility as required in subsection (b) of this section,
263 or (3) fails to comply with an order issued pursuant to subsection (b) of
264 this section, shall for a first offense have committed an infraction and for
265 a second or subsequent offense be guilty of a class [B] D misdemeanor.

266 (f) Any person found guilty of violating section 53-247 shall not be
267 eligible to hold a license issued pursuant to this section. Any business
268 entity with any person with a controlling interest who is found guilty of
269 violating section 53-247 shall not be eligible to hold a license issued
270 pursuant to this section.

271 Sec. 5. Section 22-344 of the general statutes is repealed and the
272 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

273 (a) (1) No person shall maintain a commercial kennel until [he] such
274 person has obtained from the commissioner a license to maintain such
275 kennel under such regulations as the commissioner provides as to

276 sanitation, disease and humane treatment of dogs or cats and the
277 protection of the public safety. Upon written application and the
278 payment of a fee of four hundred dollars, the commissioner shall issue
279 such license to be effective until the second December thirty-first
280 following issuance provided the commissioner finds (A) that such
281 regulations have been complied with, and (B) in the case of each initial
282 application for such license, that the zoning enforcement official of the
283 municipality wherein such kennel is to be maintained has certified that
284 the kennel conforms to the municipal zoning regulations. Such license
285 shall be renewed biennially, not later than December thirty-first, in
286 accordance with the provisions of this section, and may be transferred
287 by the licensee to another premises upon approval of the commissioner.

288 (2) Any person who maintains a commercial kennel and who
289 advertises the services of such commercial kennel shall cause the license
290 number for such commercial kennel, as issued pursuant to this section,
291 to clearly appear in such advertisement. The commissioner may adopt
292 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to prescribe the
293 requirements for the appearance of the license number of a commercial
294 kennel in any form of advertisement. Such regulation may include, but
295 need not be limited to, the size, font and location of such license number
296 for any given form of advertisement.

297 (3) For purposes of this subsection, no person who boards three or
298 fewer cats or dogs in his or her residence shall be required to obtain a
299 commercial kennel license pursuant to this subsection.

300 (b) No person shall maintain a pet shop until [he] such person has
301 obtained from the commissioner a license to maintain such pet shop
302 under such regulations as the commissioner provides as to sanitation,
303 disease and humane treatment of animals and the protection of the
304 public safety. Upon written application and the payment of a fee of four
305 hundred dollars, the commissioner shall issue such license to be
306 effective until the second December thirty-first following issuance
307 provided the commissioner finds (1) that such regulations have been
308 complied with, and (2) in the case of each initial application for such

309 license, that the zoning enforcement official of the municipality wherein
310 such pet shop is to be maintained has certified that the pet shop
311 conforms to the municipal zoning regulations. Application for renewal
312 of such license shall be made biennially by not later than the second
313 December thirty-first following issuance. Such pet shop license may be
314 transferred by the licensee to another premises upon the approval of the
315 commissioner. The commissioner, after consultation with the
316 Commissioners of Public Health and Energy and Environmental
317 Protection, shall establish and maintain, pursuant to regulations
318 adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a list of animals which are
319 deemed to be injurious to the health and safety of the public or whose
320 maintenance in captivity is detrimental to the health and safety of the
321 animal. The sale or offer of sale of any animal which is on said list is
322 prohibited and any person who violates this provision shall be fined not
323 more than five hundred dollars.

324 (c) No person shall engage in the business of grooming or
325 maintaining a grooming facility until such person has obtained from the
326 commissioner a license to maintain such facility under such regulations
327 as the commissioner provides as to sanitation, disease and humane
328 treatment of such animals and the protection of the public safety. Upon
329 written application and the payment of a fee of two hundred dollars, the
330 commissioner shall issue such license to be effective until the second
331 December thirty-first following issuance provided the commissioner
332 finds (1) that such regulations have been complied with, and (2) in the
333 case of each initial application for such license, that the zoning
334 enforcement official of the municipality wherein such grooming is to be
335 maintained has certified that the facility conforms to the municipal
336 zoning regulations. Such license shall be renewed biennially, not later
337 than the second December thirty-first following issuance, in accordance
338 with the provisions of this section, and may be transferred by the
339 licensee to other premises upon approval of the commissioner.

340 (d) No person shall maintain a training facility until such person has
341 obtained from the commissioner a license to maintain such facility
342 under such regulations as the commissioner provides as to sanitation,

343 disease and humane treatment of such animals and the protection of
344 public safety. Upon written application and the payment of a fee of two
345 hundred dollars, the commissioner shall issue such license to be
346 effective until the second December thirty-first following issuance
347 provided the commissioner finds (1) that such regulations have been
348 complied with, and (2) in the case of each initial application for such
349 license, that the zoning enforcement official of the municipality wherein
350 such training facility is to be maintained has certified that the facility
351 conforms to the municipal zoning regulations. Such license shall be
352 renewed biennially not later than the second December thirty-first
353 following issuance upon the terms required for the original license and
354 may be transferred by the licensee to another premises upon approval
355 of the commissioner.

356 (e) (1) No animal importer shall import any dog or cat into this state
357 until such person registers as an animal importer with the
358 commissioner. Such registration shall be on a form as prescribed by the
359 commissioner. Such registration shall require the submission of the
360 following information: (A) The name, mailing address, business
361 address, telephone number and Internet address of such registrant, (B)
362 if such registrant is domiciled out-of-state, the name, Connecticut
363 address and phone number of a Connecticut-based agent for service of
364 process, and (C) the number of animals brought into the state during the
365 prior year by such animal importer and the state or country of origin for
366 each such animal. Such registration shall be accompanied by payment
367 of a fee of two hundred dollars and shall be valid until the second
368 December thirty-first following such registration. Such registration shall
369 be renewed biennially not later than the second December thirty-first
370 following issuance, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection,
371 provided the commissioner determines that such registrant complies
372 with any requirements provided by the commissioner as to the health,
373 safety and humane treatment of animals that is applicable to animal
374 importers. Such registration shall not be required for any employee or
375 volunteer of a registered animal importer or other person who is
376 required to be licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter,

377 provided such employee, volunteer or other person is not otherwise an
378 animal importer. Any person who violates the provisions of this
379 subdivision shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

380 (2) Any animal importer who intends to offer for sale, adoption or
381 transfer any dog or cat at a venue or location that is open to the public
382 or at an outdoor location, including, but not limited to, a parking lot or
383 shopping center, shall provide notice to the Department of Agriculture
384 and the municipal zoning enforcement officer of the town where any
385 such sale, adoption or transfer will occur, not later than ten days prior
386 to such event. Such notice shall state the date for such sale, adoption or
387 transfer event, the exact location of such event and the anticipated
388 number of animals for sale, adoption or transfer at such event. Any
389 person who fails to provide notice as required pursuant to this
390 subdivision shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars per animal
391 that is offered for sale, adoption or transfer at such event.

392 (3) For the purpose of this subsection, "animal importer" means a
393 person who brings any dog or cat into this state from any other
394 sovereign entity for the purpose of offering such dog or cat to any
395 person for sale, adoption or transfer in exchange for any fee, sale,
396 voluntary contribution, service or any other consideration. "Animal
397 importer" includes any commercial or nonprofit animal rescue or
398 adoption, humane relocation or delivery organization that is not
399 otherwise required to be licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

400 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to apply
401 to any animal importer who offers a dog or cat for sale to a pet shop that
402 is licensed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this
403 section, provided such animal is delivered directly to a pet shop.

404 (5) The Commissioner of Agriculture may inspect any animal
405 imported by an animal importer or any record required to be kept by
406 such animal importer, provided such inspection shall not authorize the
407 entry of the commissioner into the residence of such animal importer.

408 (6) Not later than December 31, 2013, the Commissioner of

409 Agriculture shall prescribe the conditions that constitute the humane
 410 treatment of animals that are applicable to animal importers. Such
 411 conditions shall include, but not be limited to, the appropriate shelter,
 412 availability of food and water and standard of care to be provided by an
 413 animal importer to such animals.

414 (f) No person, including, but not limited to, a private entity, shall
 415 operate or maintain an animal shelter until [he or she] such person or
 416 private entity registers such animal shelter with the commissioner to
 417 operate and maintain such animal shelter under such regulations as the
 418 commissioner provides as to sanitation, disease and humane treatment
 419 of dogs or cats and the protection of the public safety. Upon written
 420 application and payment of a fee of fifty dollars to offset administrative
 421 costs of such registrations, the commissioner shall issue such
 422 registration to be effective until the second December thirty-first
 423 following issuance provided the commissioner finds [(A)] (1) that such
 424 regulations have been complied with, and [(B)] (2) in the case of each
 425 initial application for such registration, that the zoning enforcement
 426 official of the municipality wherein such animal shelter is to be operated
 427 or maintained has certified that the animal shelter conforms to the
 428 municipal zoning regulations. Such registration shall be renewed
 429 biennially, not later than December thirty-first, in accordance with the
 430 provisions of this section, and may be transferred by the registrant to
 431 another premises upon approval of the commissioner. For purposes of
 432 this subsection, "animal shelter" means any person, including, but not
 433 limited to, a private entity that operates a building or facility that is used
 434 solely to house homeless animals for the purpose of rescue or adoption
 435 and that is not operated within a private residence.

436 (g) The commissioner may, at any time, inspect or cause to be
 437 inspected by the commissioner's agents any such commercial kennel,
 438 animal shelter, pet shop, grooming facility or training facility, and if, (1)
 439 in the commissioner's judgment such commercial kennel, animal
 440 shelter, pet shop, grooming facility or training facility is not being
 441 maintained in a sanitary and humane manner or in a manner that
 442 protects the public safety, (2) the commissioner finds that contagious,

443 infectious or communicable disease or other unsatisfactory conditions
 444 exist, or (3) in the case of a pet shop, the commissioner finds any
 445 violation of the provisions of section 22a-381d, the commissioner may
 446 issue a fine to such commercial kennel, animal shelter, pet shop,
 447 grooming facility or training facility of not more than five hundred
 448 dollars for each animal that is the subject of such violation, may issue
 449 such orders as the commissioner deems necessary for the correction of
 450 such conditions and may quarantine the premises and animals. If the
 451 owner or keeper of such commercial kennel, animal shelter, pet shop,
 452 grooming facility or training facility fails to comply with the regulations
 453 or orders of the commissioner, or fails to comply with any provision of
 454 the statutes or regulations relating to dogs or other animals, the
 455 commissioner may refuse to issue or renew, revoke or suspend such
 456 license or registration, as applicable. Any person aggrieved by any order
 457 issued under the provisions of this section may appeal therefrom in
 458 accordance with the provisions of section 4-183. Any person
 459 maintaining any commercial kennel, animal shelter, pet shop, grooming
 460 facility or training facility without having obtained a license or
 461 registration for the same, as applicable or after any such license or
 462 registration has been revoked or suspended as provided herein shall be
 463 fined not more than two hundred dollars. The provisions of this section
 464 shall not apply to veterinary hospitals, except those boarding or
 465 grooming dogs for nonmedical purposes, and other establishments
 466 where all the dogs or animals were born and raised on the premises
 467 where they are kept for sale.

468 (h) The provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section
 469 requiring certification by the zoning enforcement official that every
 470 commercial kennel, pet shop, grooming facility and training facility
 471 conforms to the zoning regulations of the municipality wherein such
 472 kennel, pet shop, grooming facility or training facility is maintained
 473 shall not apply to any person who is licensed under said subsections
 474 and maintained any such commercial kennel, pet shop or grooming
 475 facility prior to October 1, 1977, provided such person does not relocate
 476 such commercial kennel, pet shop, grooming facility or training facility

477 in a zone in which such commercial kennel, pet shop, grooming facility
 478 or training facility is not a permitted use. In addition, the provisions of
 479 said subsections and subsection (f) requiring certification by the zoning
 480 enforcement official that every commercial kennel, animal shelter, pet
 481 shop, grooming facility and training facility conforms to the zoning
 482 regulations of the municipality wherein such commercial kennel,
 483 animal shelter, pet shop, grooming facility or training facility is
 484 maintained shall not apply when a zone in which such commercial
 485 kennel, animal shelter, pet shop, grooming facility or training facility is
 486 maintained is changed to a use which does not permit such commercial
 487 kennel, animal shelter, pet shop, grooming facility or training facility in
 488 such zone.

489 (i) Any person found guilty of violating section 53-247 shall not be
 490 eligible to hold a license issued pursuant to this section. Any business
 491 entity with any person with a controlling interest who is found guilty of
 492 violating section 53-247 shall not be eligible to hold a license issued
 493 pursuant to this section.

494 Sec. 6. Section 22-344b of the general statutes is repealed and the
 495 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

496 (a) A pet shop licensee shall, prior to offering a dog or cat for sale and
 497 thereafter at intervals of fifteen days until such dog or cat is sold,
 498 provide for examination of such dog or cat by a veterinarian licensed
 499 under chapter 384. Such licensee shall maintain [a] an electronic or
 500 paper record of the veterinary examinations and services rendered for
 501 each dog or cat offered for sale.

502 (b) (1) If, (A) within twenty days of sale, any such dog or cat becomes
 503 ill or dies of any illness which existed in such dog or cat at the time of
 504 the sale, or (B) within six months of sale, any such dog or cat is
 505 diagnosed with a congenital defect that adversely affects or will
 506 adversely affect the health of such dog or cat, such licensee shall: (i)
 507 Reimburse such consumer for the value of the actual services and
 508 medications provided to such dog or cat by any veterinarian licensed

509 pursuant to chapter 384 for the treatment of such illness or congenital
510 defect upon the presentation by such consumer to such licensee of a
511 certificate from such veterinarian that such dog or cat suffers or suffered
512 from such illness or congenital defect, provided such reimbursement
513 shall not exceed (I) the full purchase price of such dog or cat for any dog
514 or cat purchased for five hundred dollars or more, and (II) five hundred
515 dollars for any dog or cat purchased for less than five hundred dollars.
516 No licensee may require the consumer to return such dog or cat to such
517 licensee to receive such reimbursement, or (ii) at the option of such
518 consumer, replace the dog or cat or refund in full the purchase price of
519 such dog or cat: (I) In the case of illness or such congenital defect, upon
520 return of the dog or cat to the pet shop and the receipt of a certificate
521 from a veterinarian licensed under chapter 384 and selected by the
522 consumer, stating that the dog or cat is ill from a condition which existed
523 at the time of sale, or suffers from such congenital defect, and (II) in the
524 case of death, the receipt of a certificate from a veterinarian licensed
525 under chapter 384 and selected by the consumer, stating that the dog or
526 cat died from an illness or a congenital defect which existed at the time
527 of sale. The presentation of such certificate shall be sufficient proof to
528 claim reimbursement or replacement and the return of such deceased
529 dog or cat to the pet shop shall not be required. Any such consumer may
530 seek the assistance of the Commissioner of Agriculture in the event that
531 the licensee fails to reimburse such consumer in accordance with the
532 provisions of this subsection. No such refund or replacement shall be
533 made if such illness or death resulted from maltreatment or neglect by
534 a person other than the licensee or such licensee's agent or employee. A
535 licensee shall not be subject to the obligations imposed by this
536 subsection for the sale of a cat where such cat has been spayed or
537 neutered prior to its sale. In the event the licensee fails to comply with a
538 demand for reimbursement or replacement, the consumer may bring an
539 action in the Superior Court to enforce the provisions of this section.

540 (2) Each pet shop licensee who sells dogs or cats shall post a statement
541 of customer rights pursuant to this section in a location that is readily
542 visible to the public and also provide a copy of such statement to any

543 purchaser of a dog or cat at the time of purchase. The commissioner shall
 544 prescribe the content of such statement. Any statement of customer
 545 rights posted pursuant to this section shall be printed in black lettering
 546 of not less than twenty point size upon a white background. Any
 547 licensee who violates the provisions of this subdivision shall be fined
 548 two hundred fifty dollars.

549 (c) Any licensee who violates any provision of subsection (a) [or
 550 subdivision (1) of subsection (b)] of this section shall be fined not more
 551 than five hundred dollars. [Any fine assessed pursuant to this
 552 subsection for a failure to reimburse a consumer, as described in
 553 subsection (b) of this section, shall not preclude or be in lieu of any such
 554 reimbursement.]

555 Sec. 7. Section 22-347 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 556 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

557 Within thirty days after receipt of the fees for dog licenses and tags,
 558 each town clerk shall deduct one dollar for each dog licensed, two
 559 dollars for each kennel license issued and fifty cents for each
 560 replacement tag issued and pay the balance to the town treasurer or
 561 other proper fiscal officer. Each town treasurer or fiscal officer, as the
 562 case may be, shall keep a separate dog fund account of all fees received
 563 from the town clerk, and all receipts from the municipal animal control
 564 officer and expended by said officer under the provisions of this chapter,
 565 and shall pay to the Commissioner of Agriculture, on September first of
 566 each year, fifty per cent of all moneys received from the sale of licenses
 567 prior to July first, or forty per cent of all such moneys if the town has
 568 made a survey of unlicensed dogs in accordance with the provisions of
 569 section 22-349, and include with such payment a statement of the
 570 number of licenses issued during such year. All moneys received from
 571 licenses sold after June thirtieth and all moneys received from the
 572 municipal animal control officer and all license fees returned to the town
 573 by the State Treasurer, at the request of the commissioner, [under the
 574 provisions of section 22-348] shall be kept by the town treasurer or other
 575 fiscal officer in the separate dog fund account. The town treasurer or

576 other fiscal officer shall, on the ensuing September first, send fifty per
577 cent, or forty per cent as the case may be, of all license fees in such
578 account to the commissioner, including any penalty fees collected
579 pursuant to section 22-338. All payments to the commissioner shall be
580 accompanied by an account thereof in a form prescribed by the
581 commissioner and a copy of such account shall be sent to the
582 commissioner. Upon the failure of any town treasurer or other fiscal
583 officer to pay any amount due pursuant to this section, or any portion
584 thereof, within forty-five days from its due date, the commissioner shall
585 add interest of one and one-fourth per cent per month or fraction thereof
586 on the amount unpaid per month or fraction thereof from the due date
587 of such payment to the date of payment and a penalty in the amount of
588 ten per cent of the amount unpaid or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.
589 All funds in the dog fund account, except such funds as are to be sent to
590 the commissioner, shall be used only for the compensation of municipal
591 animal control officers, license certificates, tags, the construction and
592 maintenance of dog pounds, the detention and care of impounded dogs
593 in accordance with section 22-336, municipal animal control officer's
594 equipment, dog supplies and such veterinary fees as are provided for
595 by law or regulations and shall not be used for any other purpose except
596 upon written approval of the commissioner. No fees paid into the
597 treasury of the town for tags or licenses for dogs shall be paid back to
598 the persons from whom they were collected.

599 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 22-354 of the general statutes is
600 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
601 *2023*):

602 (a) Any dog or cat imported into this state shall be accompanied by a
603 certificate of health issued no earlier than thirty days prior to the date of
604 importation by a licensed, graduate veterinarian accredited by the
605 United States Department of Agriculture stating that such dog or cat is
606 free from symptoms of any infectious, contagious or communicable
607 disease, and that such dog or cat, if three months of age or older, is
608 currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian. A copy of such
609 health certificate shall be forwarded promptly to the commissioner from

610 the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin. Any dog or cat
 611 originating from a rabies quarantine area shall have permission of the
 612 State Veterinarian prior to importation into this state. No person, firm
 613 or corporation shall import or export for the purposes of sale, adoption
 614 or transfer or offering for sale, adoption or transfer any dog or cat under
 615 the age of eight weeks unless such dog or cat is transported with its dam
 616 and no person, firm or corporation shall sell or offer for adoption or
 617 transfer within the state any dog or cat under the age of eight weeks.
 618 Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this
 619 subsection or bringing any dog or cat into this state from an area under
 620 quarantine for rabies shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

621 Sec. 9. Section 22-359 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 622 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

623 (a) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may make
 624 such orders for the testing for rabies, adequate confinement, quarantine,
 625 control or [destruction] humane euthanasia of any dog, cat or other
 626 animal as [he deems] necessary to prevent the spread of rabies and to
 627 protect the public, [therefrom provided, notwithstanding the provisions
 628 of section 22-358, a] Any local director of health may order the
 629 [destruction] humane euthanasia of any unowned animal [which] that
 630 is not currently vaccinated for rabies for the purpose of rabies testing if
 631 the director finds that the animal has bitten a person and the health or
 632 life of such person may be threatened. [Any person who fails to comply
 633 with any order made under the provisions of this section shall be fined
 634 not more than one hundred dollars.]

635 (b) The commissioner [, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal
 636 control officer or any municipal animal control officer] or any animal
 637 control officer appointed pursuant to section 22-328, 22-331 or 22-331a
 638 shall quarantine any animal in a public pound, veterinary hospital,
 639 kennel or other building or enclosure approved by the commissioner for
 640 such purpose, if in the determination of the commissioner or such
 641 officer, such animal is rabid or is suspected of being rabid, or has been
 642 bitten by, or may have been bitten by, or has been in contact with or

643 exposed to, a rabid animal or an animal suspected of carrying rabies or
644 any wild animal as defined in subsection (d) of this section. The length
645 of such quarantine period shall be determined by the commissioner or
646 the State Veterinarian who shall take into account the age, general health
647 and vaccination history of the animal as well as current accepted
648 veterinary practices. Any suspected or confirmed case of rabies shall be
649 reported by such officer to the [commissioner by a local director of
650 health or board of health or any veterinarian within] State Veterinarian
651 not later than twenty-four hours of receipt of such information.

652 (c) Whenever a person, companion animal or other animal has been
653 bitten or attacked by a dog, cat or ferret, any [state, municipal or
654 regional] animal control officer appointed pursuant to section 22-328,
655 22-331 or 22-331a shall quarantine such biting or attacking dog, cat or
656 ferret for ten days. During such quarantine such biting or attacking dog,
657 cat or ferret shall be observed for clinical signs of rabies. On the tenth
658 day of such quarantine, such dog, cat or ferret shall be examined by the
659 State Veterinarian or a person designated by the State Veterinarian to
660 determine whether such quarantine shall be continued or removed. The
661 quarantine of a biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret shall conform to one
662 of the following: (1) When the biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret has a
663 current rabies vaccination, the biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret shall
664 be quarantined in a public pound or in a veterinary hospital or in a
665 commercial kennel approved by the State Veterinarian for such purpose
666 or on the premises of the owner or keeper of such biting dog, cat or ferret
667 when such premises is adequate for the confinement of such animal, as
668 determined by the authority that issued such order; or (2) when the
669 biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret does not have a current rabies
670 vaccination, the biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret shall be
671 quarantined in a public pound or in a veterinary hospital or in a
672 commercial kennel approved by the State Veterinarian for such
673 purpose, or the dog, cat or ferret may be quarantined or confined on the
674 premises of the owner or keeper of the biting or attacking dog, cat or
675 ferret due to medical necessity determined by a licensed veterinarian
676 when such premises is adequate for the confinement of such animal and

677 acceptable to the municipality or agency issuing the quarantine order
678 and provided such animal is vaccinated for rabies by a licensed
679 veterinarian on the tenth day of such quarantine.

680 (d) The management, confinement, quarantine or disposition of
681 biting or attacking animals other than dogs, cats or ferrets shall be
682 determined by the State Veterinarian who shall take into account the
683 age, general health, rabies vaccination status of the biting or attacking
684 animal, the rabies vaccination status of the animal exposed to or bitten
685 by rabid or suspected rabid wildlife and the current national
686 recommendations for the prevention and control of rabies.

687 (e) The owner or keeper of any animal that has been quarantined or
688 confined pursuant to this section may authorize the humane euthanasia
689 of such animal by a licensed veterinarian at any time before the end of
690 the quarantine or confinement period for the purpose of testing such
691 animal for rabies. Any animal so euthanized shall be examined for
692 rabies by the Connecticut Department of Public Health [virology
693 laboratory] Laboratory or any laboratory authorized by the Connecticut
694 Department of Public Health. The veterinarian performing the
695 euthanasia shall be responsible for ensuring that the head of the
696 euthanized animal is delivered to the appropriate laboratory for rabies
697 examination not later than forty-eight hours after such euthanasia. The
698 costs of any such quarantine, veterinary examination, rabies
699 vaccination, euthanasia and rabies testing shall be the responsibility of
700 the owner or keeper of any animal quarantined or confined pursuant to
701 this section.

702 [(b)] (f) Any dog, cat or other animal held in quarantine [which] that
703 is clinically diagnosed as rabid by [two licensed veterinarians, at least
704 one of whom shall be engaged in private practice,] a licensed
705 veterinarian or the State Veterinarian shall be humanely euthanized
706 immediately without prior notice to the owner or keeper of same. No
707 person who [kills] humanely euthanizes any animal in accordance with
708 this subsection shall be held criminally or civilly liable therefor. Any
709 animal that is humanely euthanized pursuant to this subsection shall be

710 examined for rabies by the Connecticut Department of Public Health
 711 Laboratory or any laboratory authorized by the Connecticut
 712 Department of Public Health. The veterinarian performing the
 713 euthanasia shall be responsible for ensuring that the head of the
 714 euthanized animal is delivered to the appropriate laboratory for rabies
 715 examination not later than forty-eight hours after being euthanized.

716 [(c)] (g) Any animal, other than a dog, [which] that is quarantined
 717 pursuant to this section which is not claimed by its owner or keeper
 718 [within the period] not later than five days after the expiration of such
 719 quarantine may be sold or given away by the municipal or regional
 720 animal control officer [, if he finds that] provided the animal is in good
 721 health. The animal may only be sold or given away as a pet to a person
 722 who satisfies [the] such officer that the animal will be given a good home
 723 and proper care. The municipal animal control officer may retain
 724 possession of such animal for such additional period of time as [he may
 725 deem advisable in order] necessary to place such animal. Any animal,
 726 other than a dog, [which] that is quarantined pursuant to this section
 727 [which] and that is not claimed by its owner or keeper [within the period
 728 of] not later than five days after the expiration of such quarantine and
 729 [which] that is not sold by the municipal or regional animal control
 730 officer [within] not later than five days [of] after the expiration of such
 731 quarantine, may be disposed of at the direction of the State Veterinarian.
 732 No person who disposes of any animal in accordance with this
 733 subsection shall be held criminally or civilly liable therefor.

734 [(d)] (h) [The commissioner, any] Any animal control officer
 735 appointed pursuant to section 22-328, 22-331 or 22-331a or any state or
 736 municipal police officer may immediately kill any wild animal [which
 737 is displaying] that displays behavior [which] that causes the
 738 commissioner, the State Veterinarian, a municipal police officer or such
 739 animal control officer to reasonably conclude that such animal is rabid.
 740 For purposes of this [subsection] section, "wild animal" means any
 741 mammal which is ferae naturae or wild by nature.

742 [(e)] (i) The commissioner shall institute such measures as the

743 commissioner deems necessary to prevent the transmission of rabies
744 associated with animals in public settings, including, but not limited to,
745 fairs, shows, exhibitions, petting zoos, riding stables, farm tours, pet
746 shops and educational exhibits.

747 ~~[(f)]~~ (j) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
748 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection [(e)] (i) of this
749 section. Such regulations may include requirements for the vaccination
750 of animals against rabies, identification of animals, identification of
751 owners or keepers of such animals, animal enclosures, posting of public
752 advisories, reporting of rabies exposure incidents, records deemed
753 necessary and proper relating to the vaccination of animals against
754 rabies, and any other methods determined by the commissioner to
755 prevent the transmission of rabies. Such regulations may consider the
756 species of animal, the characteristics of the public settings and the nature
757 and type of contact the public may have with animals.

758 (k) Any suspected or confirmed case of rabies shall be reported to the
759 State Veterinarian by the testing diagnostic laboratory or a local director
760 of health or any licensed veterinarian not later than twenty-four hours
761 after receipt of such information.

762 (l) Any person who fails to comply with any order issued pursuant
763 to this section shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars. Any dog, cat or
764 other animal subject to a quarantine or confinement order issued
765 pursuant to this section whose owner or keeper fails to comply with
766 such quarantine order may be seized by any state, municipal or regional
767 animal control officer and held in quarantine until such quarantine is
768 complete and the dog, cat or other animal is examined by a licensed
769 veterinarian. All costs associated with a failure to comply with a
770 quarantine or confinement order issued pursuant to this section,
771 including, but not limited to, the costs of seizure, care, handling,
772 veterinary examination and rabies vaccination shall be paid by the
773 owner or keeper of such animal prior to the release of such animal to
774 such owner or keeper.

775 Sec. 10. Section 22-364b of the general statutes is repealed and the
 776 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

777 The owner or keeper of a dog shall restrain and control such dog on
 778 a leash when such dog is not on the property of its owner or keeper and
 779 is in proximity to a [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a
 780 disability accompanied by [his guide dog] a service animal, provided
 781 [the guide dog] such service animal is in the direct custody of such
 782 [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person [, is wearing a harness or an
 783 orange-colored leash and collar which makes it readily-identifiable as a
 784 guide dog] and is licensed in accordance with section 22-345. Any
 785 person who violates the provisions of this section shall have committed
 786 an infraction. If an owner or keeper of a dog violates the provisions of
 787 this section and, as a result of such violation, such dog attacks and
 788 injures the [guide dog] service animal, such owner or keeper shall be
 789 liable, as provided in section 22-357, for any damage done to such [guide
 790 dog] service animal, and such liability shall include liability for any costs
 791 incurred by such [blind, deaf or mobility-impaired] person for the
 792 veterinary care, rehabilitation or replacement of the injured [guide dog]
 793 service animal and for reasonable attorney's fees.

794 Sec. 11. Section 22-367 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 795 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

796 Any person owning, keeping or harboring [a dog or cat] an animal or
 797 maintaining a breeding kennel or commercial kennel who violates any
 798 provision of this chapter for the violation of which no other penalty is
 799 provided, or any regulation legally made and published [for restraining
 800 or destroying dogs or cats,] shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty
 801 dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both. No commercial
 802 kennel shall board any dog or cat unless the owner of the dog or cat
 803 presents a certificate of vaccination as required by this chapter.
 804 [Constables, municipal animal control officers, regional animal control
 805 officers, the] The Chief Animal Control Officer, [the] any animal control
 806 [officers, and all prosecuting officers] officer and any municipal or
 807 regional control officer shall diligently inquire after, and prosecute for,

808 any violation of any provision of this chapter. [, and the commissioner
 809 shall, upon the complaint of any person that such officer is dilatory or
 810 negligent in the performance of the officer's duties concerning the
 811 enforcement of any such provision, take such action as the officer deems
 812 necessary to secure such enforcement.]

813 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 22-380i of the general statutes is
 814 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 815 *passage*):

816 (a) The program established under section 22-380g shall provide for
 817 payment to any participating veterinarian of an amount equivalent to
 818 the voucher issued pursuant to section 22-380f for each animal
 819 sterilization and vaccinations, coincident with sterilization, performed
 820 by such veterinarian upon a dog or cat owned by an eligible owner. For
 821 a sterilization procedure, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall
 822 establish a rate of reimbursement biennially that is not more than
 823 seventy-five per cent of the market rate or the fee charged by
 824 veterinarians in the state. [as of October 31, 2021.] In the case of a
 825 sterilization fee exceeding the amount of the voucher, the eligible owner
 826 shall pay the participating veterinarian the difference between such fee
 827 and the amount of the voucher. Such voucher shall be in the amount of
 828 thirty dollars, in addition to the amount designated for sterilization, for
 829 vaccinations coincident with the sterilization of a dog or cat owned by
 830 an eligible owner.

831 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
 832 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 833 *passage*):

834 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
 835 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
 836 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)
 837 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-148f, 7-148o, 7-283, 7-325, 7-
 838 393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-
 839 230, 10-251, 10-254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision

840 (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or
841 12-326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of
842 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-71,
843 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139,
844 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection (f) of section
845 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section 13b-108,
846 section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-324,
847 section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,
848 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,
849 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of
850 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
851 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
852 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
853 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
854 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,
855 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,
856 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a or 14-146, subsection
857 (b) of section 14-147, section 14-152, 14-153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection
858 (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section
859 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a,
860 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274,
861 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-275c, section 14-276,
862 subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280,
863 subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-
864 283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-
865 300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a,
866 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-
867 33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115,
868 section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of
869 section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h,
870 section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of
871 section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of section 17a-488, section
872 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of
873 section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b, 19a-105, 19a-107,
874 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287,

875 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340,
876 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-153a, 20-158, 20-231,
877 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or 20-329g, subsection (b)
878 of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610,
879 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or 21-63, subsection (d) of
880 section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100, subsection (c) of section 21a-2,
881 subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision
882 (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or 21a-30,
883 subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b
884 or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-
885 154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, section 21a-278b,
886 subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section 21a-421eee, 21a-
887 421fff, 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-
888 13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-
889 39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of
890 section 22-61l, subsection (f) of section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of
891 subsection (f) of section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98,
892 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167,
893 subsection (c) of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a,
894 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of
895 subsection (e) or subsection (g) of section 22-344, as amended by this act,
896 subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, as amended by this act, [section
897 22-344c,] subsection (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-
898 354, as amended by this act, 22-359, as amended by this act, 22-366, 22-
899 391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of
900 section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,
901 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,
902 section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b,
903 subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section
904 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-
905 18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-
906 56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61,
907 section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89,
908 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117,
909 subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138,

910 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215,
911 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-
912 230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-
913 285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13,
914 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d),
915 (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision
916 (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of
917 section 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-
918 335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section
919 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11,
920 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36,
921 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b,
922 section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c)
923 of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-
924 134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-
925 1017, 34-13d or 34-412, subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of
926 section 36a-57, subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-
927 739, 36a-787, 38a-2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278,
928 section 38a-479qq, 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713,
929 38a-733, 38a-764, 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-230,
930 42-470 or 42-480, subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283,
931 45a-450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54,
932 section 46a-59, 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or
933 47-53, subsection (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k)
934 of section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection
935 (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-
936 264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-
937 323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344,
938 subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a,
939 section 53-377, 53-422 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2)
940 a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any
941 regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484,
942 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or
943 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes
944 and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but

945 does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or
 946 borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for such
 947 violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set
 948 forth in this section.

949 Sec. 14. Sections 22-344c and 22-348 of the general statutes are
 950 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-327
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-329a(e) to (h)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	22-334
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	22-342
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	22-344
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	22-344b
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	22-347
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	22-354(a)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	22-359
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	22-364b
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	22-367
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	22-380i(a)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To redefine "animal", regulate breeding kennels, provide certain procedures concerning the control of rabies and make other minor changes to domestic animal related statutes.

[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.]