



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN DOMESTIC ANIMAL RELATED STATUTES."**

1 Strike section 3 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 3. Section 22-342 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Any owner or keeper of [a kennel] dogs who breeds more than  
5 two litters of dogs annually shall apply to the town clerk in the town in  
6 which such kennel is located for a local kennel license. Any owner or  
7 keeper of a kennel who breeds not more than two litters of dogs  
8 annually may apply to the town clerk of the town in which such kennel  
9 is located for a local kennel license. For the purposes of this section,  
10 annually shall refer to the local kennel license year which begins July  
11 first. Such town clerk shall issue to such applicant a local kennel license  
12 on a form prescribed by the commissioner for a period from the date of  
13 such application until the thirtieth day of the ensuing June. The license  
14 shall specify the name and number of the kennel, the name of the owner  
15 and the name of the keeper and shall be in lieu of any other license

16 required for any dog of either sex which may be kept in such kennel  
17 during the period for which the license is issued. Each license may be  
18 renewed from year to year by the town clerk upon application of such  
19 owner or keeper. Each such owner or keeper shall cause to be kept, upon  
20 each dog in such kennel, while it is at large, a collar or harness of leather  
21 or other suitable material, to which collar or harness shall be securely  
22 attached a tag or plate upon which shall appear the number of the local  
23 kennel license, the name of the town issuing the license and the year of  
24 license. Such plates or tags shall be furnished by the town clerk of the  
25 town in which such kennel is licensed, at a cost of ten cents each, in such  
26 numbers, not fewer than the number of dogs kept in such kennel, and  
27 at such time as the licensee may request.

28 (b) The fee for each local kennel license, when no more than ten dogs  
29 are kept in the kennel, shall be fifty dollars, and for a local kennel license  
30 for a kennel containing more than ten dogs, the fee shall be one hundred  
31 dollars, except that in the case of a kennel started after the first day of  
32 July, the local kennel license fee for the remainder of the year shall be a  
33 proportional part of the fee charged for one year. If the owner or keeper  
34 of any [established] kennel fails to obtain the local kennel license on or  
35 before June thirtieth, [he] such owner or keeper shall pay one dollar for  
36 each dog kept therein, in addition to the regular local kennel license fee.  
37 All local kennel license fees shall be used only by towns for the  
38 compensation of municipal animal control officers, license certificates,  
39 tags, the construction and maintenance of dog pounds, the detention  
40 and care of impounded animals in accordance with section 22-336,  
41 municipal animal control officer's equipment, animal supplies and such  
42 veterinary fees, as are provided for by the general statutes or the  
43 regulations of Connecticut state agencies and shall not be used for any  
44 other purpose. No fee paid into the treasury of any town for a local  
45 kennel license fee shall be returned or paid back to the person from  
46 whom such fee was collected.

47 [(b)] (c) The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer or any  
48 state animal control officer may at any time inspect any kennel  
49 including all facilities of any kennel in which dogs are bred or housed

50 or cause it to be inspected by a Connecticut licensed veterinarian  
51 appointed by the commissioner. If, in the judgment of the  
52 commissioner, such kennel is not being maintained in good repair and  
53 in a sanitary and humane manner or if the commissioner finds that  
54 communicable or infectious disease or other unsatisfactory conditions  
55 exist in the kennel, he may issue such orders as he deems necessary for  
56 the correction of such conditions and may quarantine the premises and  
57 animals. If the owner or keeper of such kennel fails to comply with such  
58 orders, the commissioner shall revoke or suspend the kennel license of  
59 such owner or keeper. Each such kennel shall be inspected annually by  
60 an animal control officer appointed pursuant to section 22-331 or 22-  
61 331a with jurisdiction in the municipality in which such kennel is  
62 located, or upon receipt of any complaint about such kennel. Such  
63 inspection shall include an evaluation of: (1) The sanitary conditions in  
64 which the dogs are kept, (2) the dogs' access to proper and wholesome  
65 food, potable water, exercise and veterinary care when necessary,  
66 including rabies vaccinations, and (3) records of veterinary care and  
67 records of the transfer of dogs or puppies to new owners. Any crate or  
68 other enclosure in which any dog is kept for more than four hours shall  
69 be clean and in good repair, such that the crate or enclosure does not  
70 pose a hazard to the dog, and shall be of sufficient size as to allow the  
71 dogs to stand, sit, lie down, turn around and make normal postural  
72 movements. If any animal control officer finds conditions exist in such  
73 kennel that may adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of any dog,  
74 such animal control officer may issue such orders as are necessary for  
75 the correction of such conditions. If such animal control officer suspects  
76 a communicable or infectious disease is present, such officer may order  
77 the licensee to consult a Connecticut licensed veterinarian at such  
78 licensee's expense to address the suspected health condition. The  
79 licensee shall implement any order of the animal control officer to  
80 correct any condition that may adversely affect the health, safety or  
81 welfare of any such dog, and shall follow any recommendation of such  
82 veterinarian, as applicable. A municipality may suspend, revoke or  
83 refuse to issue any local kennel license under this section for cause.

84 [(c)] (d) Any person aggrieved by any order issued under the  
85 provisions of this section may appeal to the Superior Court of the  
86 judicial district in which such municipality is located, provided such  
87 appeal is made not later than fifteen days after the date of such order  
88 and is otherwise made in accordance with the provisions of section 4-  
89 183.

90 [(d)] (e) Any person maintaining a kennel after such license has been  
91 revoked or suspended as herein provided shall be guilty of a class [B] D  
92 misdemeanor.

93 [(e)] (f) Any owner or keeper of a kennel who breeds more than two  
94 litters of dogs annually and (1) fails to apply for a local kennel license as  
95 required in subsection (a) of this section, [or] (2) fails to allow an  
96 inspection of such facility as required in subsection [(b)] (c) of this  
97 section, or (3) fails to comply with any order issued pursuant to  
98 subsection (c) of this section, shall, for a first offense, have committed an  
99 infraction, and for a second or subsequent offense [shall] be guilty of a  
100 class [B] D misdemeanor.

101 (g) No person found guilty of violating section 53-247, 53-248 or 53-  
102 249 shall be eligible to hold a local kennel license issued pursuant to this  
103 section. No business entity that has a person with a controlling interest  
104 in such entity who has been found guilty of violating section 53-247, 53-  
105 248 or 53-249 shall be eligible to hold a local license issued pursuant to  
106 this section."

107 In line 488, insert an opening bracket before "Any"

108 In line 491, insert a closing bracket after the period

109 In line 740, after "is" insert "readily identifiable as a service animal, is"