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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"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 Section 22-342 of the general statutes is repealed and the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] five litters of dogs annually shall apply to the town clerk in the
6 town in which such kennel is located for a local kennel license. Any
7 owner or keeper of a kennel who breeds not more than [two] five litters
8 of dogs annually may apply to the town clerk of the town in which such

9 kennel is located for a local kennel license. For the purposes of this
10 section, annually shall refer to the local kennel license year which begins
11 July first. Such town clerk shall issue to such applicant a local kennel
12 license on a form prescribed by the commissioner for a period from the
13 date of such application until the thirtieth day of the ensuing June. The
14 license shall specify the name and number of the kennel, the name of the
15 owner and the name of the keeper and shall be in lieu of any other
16 license required for any dog of either sex which may be kept in such
17 kennel during the period for which the license is issued. Each license
18 may be renewed from year to year by the town clerk upon application
19 of such owner or keeper. Each such owner or keeper shall cause to be
20 kept, upon each dog in such kennel, while it is at large, a collar or
21 harness of leather or other suitable material, to which collar or harness
22 shall be securely attached a tag or plate upon which shall appear the
23 number of the local kennel license, the name of the town issuing the
24 license and the year of license. Such plates or tags shall be furnished by
25 the town clerk of the town in which such kennel is licensed, at a cost of
26 ten cents each, in such numbers, not fewer than the number of dogs kept
27 in such kennel, and 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 five litters of dogs annually and (1) fails to apply for a local kennel
95 license as required in subsection (a) of this section, [or] (2) fails to allow
96 an inspection of such facility as required in subsection [(b)] (c) of this
97 section, [shall] 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 be guilty of a class [B]
100 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."