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AN ACT RESTRICTING THE EUTHANIZATION OF FERAL CATS,
PROHIBITING CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT AS AN ANIMAL
CONTROL OFFICER AND STUDYING THE INVOLVEMENT OF
OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS AT ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill makes changes regarding laws around feral cats and animal control officers which results in the fiscal impacts described below.

Section 1 prevents an animal control officer from euthanizing feral cats unless they meet certain requirements. This may result in a potential savings to municipalities to the extent fewer cats are euthanized.¹

The section instead requires animal control officers to consult with an animal rescue or feral cost organization which does not result in a fiscal

¹ Any savings is expected to be minimal as euthanasia typically costs approximately \$100 per cat.

impact.

Section 2 prevents anyone from serving as an animal control officer if they have been convicted of animal abuse which does not result in a fiscal impact.

Section 4 requires the Department of Agriculture to convene a working group to develop legislative recommendations on various practices regarding animal rescue and control which does not result in a fiscal impact.

Section 4 repeals a law regarding impounding and disposing of certain cats. This may result in a potential savings to municipalities as they no longer will be required to (1) impound certain cats, (2) notify the cat's owner or publish a notice in a local newspaper, (3) have a veterinarian spay or neuter the cat, and (4) have the cat killed if it remains unclaimed.

The section also repeals an infraction which results in a potential loss in revenue to the General Fund.²

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of feral cats.

² From FY 20 – FY 24, 4 charges were recorded and \$150 in associated revenue collected under CGS § 22-332d.