



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6218

LCO No. 5829



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT AS AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) No person shall serve as
2 an animal control officer or regional animal control officer, pursuant to
3 section 22-331 or 22-331a of the general statutes, as applicable, if such
4 person is convicted of animal abuse or neglect, or enters a plea of nolo
5 contendere or into a plea bargain concerning a charge of animal abuse
6 or neglect, pursuant to section 53-247 of the general statutes. In the event
7 any such animal control officer or regional animal control officer is
8 convicted of such a charge, such officer shall be placed on unpaid
9 administrative leave until any applicable appeals are exhausted.

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

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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | New section |
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Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that animal control officers are morally capable of adhering to a strict standard of care for animals in their possession.

[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.]

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