



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6226

LCO No. 3468



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT LIMITING THE LENGTH OF TIME SEIZED ANIMALS MAY BE
HELD IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR MUNICIPAL POUND.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Limit the amount of time
- 2 seized animals can be held in a shelter or municipal pound to not more
- 3 than ninety days before the regional or municipal animal shelter is
- 4 required to engage an accredited animal rescue organization that offers
- 5 temporary in-home fostering of animals; (2) allow animal shelters to
- 6 accept volunteer help in facilities, even when animals seized by statute
- 7 are residing in the shelter; (3) prohibit any outright bans on volunteers
- 8 in municipal or regional shelters; and (4) allow for the reasonable visual
- 9 inspection of facilities and such animals in custody by members of the
- 10 public.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure animals seized by statute are offered reasonable care, a safe temporary foster home by an accredited rescue organization and allow volunteers to help care for animals while they are awaiting legal disposition.