



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6240

LCO No. 5758



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF ANIMALS
SOLD AT PET STORES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 22-354 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (b) Any dog sold or offered for sale by a pet shop licensee in this state
5 shall be accompanied by a certificate of origin identifying the name and
6 address of the person, firm or corporation that bred such dog and of any
7 person, firm or corporation that sold such dog to such pet shop licensee.
8 Such certificate shall be in a form as prescribed by the Commissioner of
9 Agriculture. Such information contained in the certificate of origin shall
10 be posted on the sign described in section 22-344d and such information
11 shall be visible to customers. A copy of such certificate shall be provided
12 to the purchaser of such dog at the time of sale and shall be filed by such
13 licensee with the Department of Agriculture not later than seven days
14 after such sale. No pet shop licensee shall purchase a dog or cat for resale
15 or sell or offer for sale any dog or cat purchased from: (1) Any breeder
16 that (A) is not in possession of a current license issued by the United

17 States Department of Agriculture and any applicable state agency, or (B)
18 was found to have committed a direct or indirect violation of pet dealer-
19 related regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture
20 during the [two-year] seven-year period prior to such purchase, [or (C)
21 was found to have committed three or more indirect violations of pet
22 dealer-related regulations of the United States Department of
23 Agriculture during the two-year period prior to such purchase]
24 provided such [violations] violation pertained to the health or welfare
25 of an animal and [were] was not administrative in nature; or (2) any
26 other person, firm or corporation that: (A) Is not in possession of a
27 current license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture
28 and any applicable state agency, (B) was found to have committed [a]
29 any direct or indirect violation of pet dealer-related regulations of the
30 United States Department of Agriculture during the [two year] seven-
31 year period prior to such purchase, [(C) was found to have committed
32 three or more indirect violations of pet dealer-related regulations of the
33 United States Department of Agriculture during the two-year period
34 prior to such purchase] provided such [violations] violation pertained
35 to the health or welfare of an animal and [were] was not administrative
36 in nature, or [(D)] (C) directly or indirectly, has obtained such dog or cat
37 from a breeder described in subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any pet
38 shop licensee violating the provisions of this subsection shall be fined
39 not more than one thousand dollars for each violation. Each day a pet
40 shop licensee is in violation of this subsection shall constitute a separate
41 offense. Not later than February first of each year, the Commissioner of
42 Agriculture shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
44 environment, in accordance with section 11-4a, that indicates (i) the
45 place of origin of all animals sold by pet shop licensees for the previous
46 calendar year, as determined by the certificates filed by such licensees
47 pursuant to this subsection, and (ii) the number of violations of the
48 provisions of this subsection that the Department of Agriculture issued
49 for the previous calendar year and the nature of each such violation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2025	22-354(b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To enhance oversight of the sale of animals in pet shops.

[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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