



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6240

January Session, 2025



***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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*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, (B)
18 was found to have committed a direct violation of pet dealer-related
19 regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture during the
20 [two-year] three-year period prior to such purchase, or (C) was found to
21 have committed three or more indirect violations of pet dealer-related

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

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

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*