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To: House Bill No. 5283

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"AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS, CATS AND RABBITS IN PET SHOPS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) Notwithstanding the
4 provisions of chapter 435 of the general statutes, no owner or operator
5 of a pet shop, as defined in section 22-327 of the general statutes, shall
6 sell, offer for sale or trade any dog, cat or rabbit unless such dog, cat or
7 rabbit was obtained from a municipal or regional animal shelter or dog
8 pound or an animal adoption or animal rescue organization, as defined
9 in section 10a-150e of the general statutes.

10 (b) Each owner or operator of a pet shop shall maintain records

11 sufficient to document the source of each dog, cat or rabbit the pet shop
12 sells, offers for sale or trades for a period of not less than one year
13 following such sale, offer for sale or trade. Additionally, each such
14 owner or operator shall post, in a conspicuous location on the cage or
15 enclosure of each dog, cat or rabbit, a sign listing the name of such
16 municipal or regional animal shelter or dog pound or animal adoption
17 or animal rescue organization from which each dog, cat or rabbit was
18 obtained. Each owner or operator of a pet shop shall make such records
19 available to the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's
20 designee, upon request.

21 (c) Any owner or operator of a pet shop who violates the provisions
22 of this section shall be fined five hundred dollars by the Commissioner
23 of Agriculture. Each dog, cat or rabbit sold or offered for sale or trade in
24 violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a separate
25 violation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section