

Good afternoon,

In reviewing the text of H. 567, it is impossible not to notice the provision that a shop selling dogs/cats must both maintain the same ownership, but must NOT exceed the number of animals sold in 2023.

Vermont is not known for being a state that is friendly to business. But, to legislate that a business may not exceed a previous year's number of sales is to legislate a poor business model. To restrict a business from changing ownership seems a step outside of legislative purview.

The Vermont Federation of Dogs Clubs (of which I am a director) has already submitted a position paper which addresses the rest of my reasons for opposing H. 567.

Thank you for your consideration.

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