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2 Introduced by Representative Wilson of Manchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Internal security and public safety; domestic pet or wolf-hybrid
6 control; licensing

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow dogs and wolf-hybrids to be
8 licensed every three years, tracking the dog's or wolf-hybrid's rabies
9 vaccination.

10 An act relating to dog licenses

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 3581 is amended to read:

13 § 3581. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

14 (a) A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six
15 months old shall ~~annually~~ on or before April 1 cause it to be registered,
16 numbered, described, and licensed on a form approved by the secretary ~~for one~~
17 ~~year from that day~~ in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog
18 or wolf-hybrid is kept. The license shall be valid for a period of three years
19 except that it shall expire when the dog or wolf-hybrid's initial or current
20 rabies vaccination expires. A person who owns a working farm dog and who

1 intends to use that dog on a farm pursuant to the exemptions in section 3549 of
2 this title shall cause the working farm dog to be registered as a working farm
3 dog and shall, in addition to all other fees required by this section, pay \$5.00
4 for a working farm dog license. The owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall cause
5 it to wear a collar, and attach thereto a license tag issued by the municipal
6 clerk. Dog or wolf-hybrid owners shall pay for the license \$4.00 for each
7 neutered dog or wolf-hybrid, and \$8.00 for each unneutered dog or
8 wolf-hybrid. If the license fee for any dog or wolf-hybrid is not paid by April
9 1, its owner or keeper may thereafter procure a license for that license ~~year~~
10 period by paying a fee of ~~fifty~~ 50 percent in excess of that otherwise required.

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