

1 S.142

2 Introduced by Senators Illuzzi, Ayer, McCormack, Pollina and White

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

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

6 control; permit

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that a person that sells

8 animals to consumers for monetary consideration be licensed as a pet

9 merchant.

10 An act relating to pet merchants

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

12 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 3681 is amended to read:

13 § 3681. PERMIT

14 (a) The owner or keeper of two or more domestic pets or wolf-hybrids four

15 months of age or older kept for sale or for breeding purposes, ~~except for his or~~

16 ~~her own use~~, shall apply to the municipal clerk of the town or city in which the

17 domestic pets or wolf-hybrids are kept for a kennel permit to be issued on

18 forms prescribed by the commissioner and pay the clerk a fee of ~~\$10.00~~ \$25.00

19 for the same. The municipal clerk shall send a copy of each permit to the

20 department of taxes. The provisions of subchapters 1, 2, and 4 of this chapter

1 not inconsistent with this subchapter, shall apply to the permit which shall
2 be in addition to other permits required. A kennel permit shall expire on
3 March 31 next after issuance, and shall be displayed prominently on the
4 premises on which the domestic pets or wolf-hybrids are kept. If the permit
5 fee is not paid by April 1, the owner or keeper may thereafter procure a permit
6 for that license year by paying a fee of ~~fifty~~ 50 percent in excess of that
7 otherwise required. Municipal clerks shall maintain a record of the type of
8 animals being kept by the permit holder.

9 (b) A person possessing a kennel permit issued under this section must
10 include the permit number in any form of advertising, including Internet
11 advertising, a brochure, or a sign that announces the availability of an animal
12 for sale or exchange. The person's name and kennel permit number must be
13 provided to the person purchasing or otherwise receiving an animal.

14 (c) The secretary or the legislative body of a municipality may assess an
15 administrative penalty of not more than \$300.00 for each day of
16 noncompliance against any person that violates subsection (b) of this section.

17 Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 3901 is amended to read:

18 § 3901. DEFINITIONS

19 As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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