

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 578
3 entitled “An act relating to penalties and procedures for animal cruelty
4 offenses” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 5, 13 V.S.A. § 354, in subdivision (d)(3)(B), by striking out
7 “The amount of the security and the payment schedule shall be set in rules
8 adopted by the Director of Animal Welfare pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3202(e).”

9 Second: In Sec. 5, 13 V.S.A. § 354, in subdivision (g)(2), by striking out
10 “The calculation of the security shall be set in rules adopted by the Director of
11 Animal Welfare pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3202(e).”

12 Third: In Sec. 6, 20 V.S.A. § 3202, in subdivision (e)(1), by striking out “1
13 including the amount of security required”

14 Fourth: In Sec. 6, 20 V.S.A. § 3202, in subdivision (e)(2), by striking out “1
15 including payment schedules”

16 Fifth: In Sec. 8, transition; security amount, by striking out “Until the
17 Director of Animal Welfare adopts rules pursuant to 13 V.S.A.
18 § 354(d)(3)(B),” and inserting in lieu thereof “On or before December 1, 2026,
19 the Director of Animal Welfare shall report to the House Committees on
20 Judiciary and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Finance and
21 on Judiciary on the proposed amount of the security and the proposed payment

1 schedule, including proposed statutory language. Until legislation establishing
2 the amount of the security and the payment schedule takes effect.”

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE