



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6226

LCO No. 3468



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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

REP. LINEHAN, 103rd Dist.

AN ACT LIMITING THE LENGTH OF TIME SEIZED ANIMALS MAY BE HELD IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR MUNICIPAL POUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Limit the amount of time
- 2 seized animals can be held in a shelter or municipal pound to not more
- 3 than ninety days before the regional or municipal animal shelter is
- 4 required to engage an accredited animal rescue organization that offers
- 5 temporary in-home fostering of animals; (2) allow animal shelters to
- 6 accept volunteer help in facilities, even when animals seized by statute
- 7 are residing in the shelter; (3) prohibit any outright bans on volunteers
- 8 in municipal or regional shelters; and (4) allow for the reasonable visual
- 9 inspection of facilities and such animals in custody by members of the
- 10 public.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure animals seized by statute are offered reasonable care, a safe temporary foster home by an accredited rescue organization and allow volunteers to help care for animals while they are awaiting legal disposition.