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Introduced by Representatives Partridge of Windham and Higley of Lowell
Referred to Committee on
Date:
Subject: Domestic pet or wolf-hybrid control; licenses
Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to eliminate the
requirement that domestic pets or wolf-hybrids be kept for breeding purposes
in order to be eligible for a special license.

An act relating to special licenses for domestic pets and wolf-hybrids

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

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 3583 is amended to read:

§ 3583. DOMESTIC PETS AND WOLF-HYBRIDS ~~KEPT FOR BREEDING~~
PURPOSES; SPECIAL LICENSE

(a) The owner or keeper of domestic pets and wolf-hybrids ~~kept for~~
~~breeding purposes~~ may take out annually, on or before April 1, a special
license for the domestic pets or wolf-hybrids, provided:

(1) He or she keeps the domestic pets or wolf-hybrids within a proper
enclosure. A proper enclosure is a locked fence or structure of sufficient
height and sufficient depth into the ground to prevent the entry of young

1 children and to prevent the animal from escaping. A proper enclosure also
2 provides humane shelter for the animal.

3 (2) The domestic pets or wolf-hybrids at all times have a current
4 vaccination against rabies.

5 (3) When the number of domestic pets or wolf-hybrids so kept does not
6 exceed ten, the fee shall be \$30.00 and for each additional domestic pet or
7 wolf-hybrid so kept, an annual fee of \$3.00.

8 (b) Domestic pets and wolf-hybrids covered by the special license
9 ~~hereunder~~ under subsection (a) of this section shall be exempt from other
10 license fees, and all licenses under this section are exempt from the surcharge
11 enacted under subsection 3581(c) ~~of section 3581~~ of this title.

12 (c) If the license fee is not paid by April 1, the owner or keeper may
13 thereafter procure a license for that license year by paying a fee of 50 percent
14 in excess of that otherwise required. These license fees are in addition to any
15 fees required for the operation of a kennel under subchapter 3 of this chapter.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.