



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6504

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL WELFARE."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 22-354 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
5 *1, 2021*):

6 (b) Any dog sold or offered for sale by a pet shop licensee in this state  
7 shall be accompanied by a certificate of origin identifying the name and  
8 address of the person, firm or corporation that bred such dog and of any  
9 person, firm or corporation that sold such dog to such pet shop licensee.  
10 Such certificate shall be in a form as prescribed by the Commissioner of  
11 Agriculture. Such information contained in the certificate of origin shall  
12 be posted on the sign described in section 22-344d and such information  
13 shall be visible to customers. A copy of such certificate shall be provided

14 to the purchaser of such dog at the time of sale and shall be filed by such  
15 licensee with the Department of Agriculture not later than seven days  
16 after such sale. No pet shop licensee shall purchase a dog or cat for resale  
17 or sell or offer for sale any dog or cat purchased from: (1) Any breeder  
18 that (A) is not in possession of a current license issued by the United  
19 States Department of Agriculture and any applicable state agency, or (B)  
20 was found to have committed [a] any direct or indirect violation of pet  
21 dealer-related regulations of the United States Department of  
22 Agriculture during the [two] seven-year period prior to such purchase  
23 [, or (C) was found to have committed three or more indirect violations  
24 of pet dealer-related regulations of the United States Department of  
25 Agriculture during the two-year period prior to such purchase]  
26 provided such [violations] violation pertained to the health or welfare  
27 of an animal and [were] was not administrative in nature; or (2) any  
28 other person, firm or corporation that: (A) Is not in possession of a  
29 current license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture  
30 and any applicable state agency, (B) was found to have committed [a]  
31 any direct or indirect violation of pet dealer-related regulations of the  
32 United States Department of Agriculture during the [two] seven-year  
33 period prior to such purchase [, (C) was found to have committed three  
34 or more indirect violations of pet dealer-related regulations of the  
35 United States Department of Agriculture during the two-year period  
36 prior to such purchase] provided such [violations] violation pertained  
37 to the health or welfare of an animal and [were] was not administrative  
38 in nature, or [(D)] (C) directly or indirectly, has obtained such dog or cat  
39 from a breeder described in subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any pet  
40 shop licensee violating the provisions of this subsection shall be fined  
41 not more than one thousand dollars for each violation. Each day a pet  
42 shop licensee is in violation of this subsection shall constitute a separate  
43 offense. Not later than January first of each year, the Commissioner of  
44 Agriculture shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the  
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
46 environment, in accordance with section 11-4a, that indicates the  
47 number of violations of the provisions of this subsection that the  
48 Department of Agriculture issued for the previous calendar year and

49 the nature of each violation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2021	22-354(b)