



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5223

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO AGRICULTURE
RELATED STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-327 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Animal" means any brute creature, including, but not limited to,
5 dogs, cats, monkeys, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, birds and reptiles;

6 (2) "Chief Animal Control Officer", "Assistant Chief Animal Control
7 Officer" and "animal control officer" mean, respectively, the Chief State
8 Animal Control Officer, the Assistant Chief State Animal Control
9 Officer and a state animal control officer appointed under section 22-
10 328;

11 (3) "Commercial kennel" means a place maintained for boarding or
12 grooming dogs or cats, and includes, but is not limited to, any veterinary
13 hospital which boards or grooms dogs or cats for nonmedical purposes;

14 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;

15 (5) "Grooming facility" means any place, [other than a commercial

16 kennel, which] including any vehicle or trailer, that is maintained as a
17 business where dogs are groomed;

18 (6) "Keeper" means any person, other than the owner, harboring or
19 having in his possession any dog;

20 (7) "Kennel" means one pack or collection of dogs which are kept
21 under one ownership at a single location and are bred for show, sport
22 or sale;

23 (8) "Municipal animal control officer" means any such officer
24 appointed under the provisions of section 22-331;

25 (9) "Pet shop" means any place at which animals not born and raised
26 on the premises are kept for the purpose of sale to the public;

27 (10) "Poultry" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-326s;

28 [(11) "Regional animal control officer" and "assistant regional animal
29 control officer" means a regional Connecticut animal control officer and
30 an assistant regional Connecticut animal control officer appointed
31 under the provisions of section 22-331a;]

32 [(12)] ~~(11)~~ "Training facility" means any place [, other than a
33 commercial kennel or grooming facility, which] that is maintained as a
34 business where dogs are trained;

35 [(13)] ~~(12)~~ "Service animal" has the same meaning as provided in 28
36 CFR 35.104 and includes any animal in training to become a service
37 animal.

38 Sec. 2. Section 22-367 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
39 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
40 *passage*):

41 Any person owning, keeping or harboring a dog or cat or maintaining
42 a [breeding] local kennel or commercial kennel who violates any
43 provision of this chapter for the violation of which no other penalty is

44 provided, or any regulation legally made and published shall be fined
45 not less than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than
46 thirty days or both. No commercial kennel shall board any dog or cat
47 unless the owner of the dog or cat presents a certificate of vaccination as
48 required by this chapter. The Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal
49 control officer and any municipal or regional control officer shall
50 diligently inquire after, and prosecute for, any violation of any provision
51 of this chapter.

52 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 22-380f of the general statutes is
53 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
54 *passage*):

55 (a) No pound shall sell or give away any unspayed or unneutered
56 dog or cat to any person unless such pound receives forty-five dollars
57 from the person buying or adopting such dog or cat. Funds received
58 pursuant to this section shall be paid quarterly by the municipality into
59 the animal population control account established under section 22-
60 380g. At the time of receipt of such payment, the pound shall complete
61 a voucher, for the purpose of benefits, as provided in section 22-380i, for
62 the sterilization and vaccination of such dog or cat and (1) provide the
63 voucher to the person buying or adopting such dog or cat, or (2) retain
64 such voucher and submit it to a participating veterinarian for such
65 sterilization and vaccination before releasing the dog or cat to the person
66 buying or adopting the dog or cat. Any such voucher shall be on a form
67 provided by the commissioner and signed (A) by the eligible owner if
68 the voucher is provided to the person buying or adopting the dog or cat,
69 or (B) by a representative of the pound if the pound retains the voucher.
70 Such voucher shall become void after sixty days from the date of
71 purchase or adoption unless a participating veterinarian certifies that
72 the dog or cat is medically unfit for surgery. Such certification shall be
73 on a form provided by the commissioner and specify a date by which
74 such dog or cat may be fit for sterilization. If the surgery is performed
75 more than thirty days after such specified date, the voucher shall
76 become void. In the case of a dog or cat that has been previously

77 sterilized or is permanently medically unfit for sterilization, as
78 determined by a participating veterinarian, the voucher shall be void
79 and the eligible owner may apply to the commissioner for a refund in
80 the amount of forty-five dollars. If a dog or cat [has pyometra and] is not
81 purchased or adopted from a pound, a representative of the pound may
82 complete a voucher, for the purpose of benefits, as provided in section
83 22-380i, and submit such voucher to a participating veterinarian for the
84 sterilization and vaccination of such dog or cat.

85 Sec. 4. Section 22-413 of the general statutes is repealed and the
86 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

87 (a) Any equine presented for public auction in this state shall have a
88 health certificate issued by a veterinarian licensed pursuant to the
89 provisions of chapter 384, [and cosigned by the State Veterinarian.] Such
90 examination shall be obtained within ten days prior to the auction and
91 shall be made at the expense of the owner.

92 (b) Any equine presented for public auction in this state shall have a
93 certificate indicating a negative reaction to a [coggins] Coggins test
94 which shall be obtained within sixty days prior to such auction.

95 (c) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined
96 not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars for
97 each violation.

98 Sec. 5. Section 22-415a of the general statutes is repealed and the
99 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

100 As used in sections [22-415a] 22-410 to 22-415j, inclusive:

101 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;

102 (2) "Equine" means any member of the equine family which includes
103 horses, ponies, mules, asses, donkeys and zebras;

104 (3) "Equine infectious anemia" means a disease of equines caused by

105 an infectious virus which may be spread by blood-sucking insects,
106 unsterile surgical instruments and community use of equipment that
107 may produce cuts or abrasions and which may cause an equine to test
108 positive to an official test;

109 (4) "Licensed veterinarian" means a veterinarian who is licensed
110 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 384;

111 (5) "Official test" means a serological test for equine infectious anemia
112 that is (A) approved by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
113 of the United States Department of Agriculture, (B) conducted in a
114 laboratory approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and (C)
115 administered by a licensed veterinarian, state veterinarian, or full-time
116 employee with the state Department of Agriculture;

117 (6) "Reactor" means an equine whose blood serum reacts positively
118 to an official test for equine infectious anemia;

119 (7) "Freeze-brand" means a metal brand which produces a permanent
120 mark with a configuration of 16A that is three inches in height and is
121 applied to the left neck or shoulder area of any equine that is positive to
122 the equine infectious anemia test in such a manner that the brand is
123 obvious and not obscured by a mane;

124 (8) "Isolation" means no biological contact with another equine;

125 (9) "Coggins test" means an official test for equine infectious anemia.

126 Sec. 6. Section 22-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the
127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

128 The State Entomologist shall, to such extent as he or she deems
129 necessary or expedient, examine apiaries and quarantine such as are
130 diseased, harboring insects, mites or parasitic organisms adversely
131 affecting bees or species or subspecies of bees, which have been
132 determined by the State Entomologist to cause harm, directly or
133 indirectly, to the bee population, crops or other plants and treat or

134 destroy cases of the disease known as foul brood, insects, mites or
135 parasitic organisms adversely affecting bees or species or subspecies of
136 bees, which have been determined by the State Entomologist to cause
137 harm, directly or indirectly, to the bee population, crops or other plants.
138 The State Entomologist may appoint such inspectors as he or she deems
139 necessary or expedient, and he or she or any person whom he or she
140 appoints for that purpose shall have access at reasonable times to any
141 apiary or place where bees are kept or where honeycomb and appliances
142 are stored. [Any person appointed for such purpose shall possess all the
143 qualifications for an Agricultural Research Technician II employed by
144 the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and have either five or
145 more years of beekeeping experience or a minimum of three years of
146 experience as a bee inspector at the federal or state level.] The State
147 Entomologist is authorized to make suitable regulations regarding
148 inspections and quarantine and to prescribe suitable forms for
149 permanent records, which shall be on file and open to public inspection,
150 and to make reasonable rules for the services of such inspectors, and
151 may pay a reasonable sum for such services. No person or corporation
152 shall remove bees under quarantine to another locality without
153 obtaining the written permission of an authorized inspector. No person
154 or transportation company shall receive for transportation any colony
155 or package of bees, unless such colony or package is accompanied by a
156 certificate of good health, furnished by an authorized inspector. No
157 person or transportation company shall deliver any colony or package
158 of bees brought from any other country, province, state or territory
159 unless accompanied by a certificate of health furnished by an authorized
160 inspector of such country, province, state or territory. Any person or
161 transportation company receiving a shipment of bees from without the
162 state, unaccompanied by such certificate, shall, before delivering such
163 shipment to its consignee, notify the State Entomologist and hold such
164 shipment until inspected by an authorized inspector. If contagious
165 diseases, insects, mites or parasitic organisms adversely affecting bees
166 or species or subspecies of bees, which have been determined by the
167 State Entomologist to cause harm, directly or indirectly, to the bee
168 population, crops or other plants are found therein, such shipment shall

169 be returned to the consignor or delivered to an authorized inspector of
170 this state for treatment or destruction, provided the requirements of this
171 section shall not apply to shipments of brood comb, with or without
172 bees, suspected of being diseased and consigned to the State
173 Entomologist, the agricultural experiment station or any authorized
174 apiary inspector of the state or to the Bureau of Entomology of the
175 United States or the United States Department of Agriculture, and
176 provided there shall be no destruction of any shipment of bees as herein
177 provided in the absence of reasonable notice to the consignee thereof.
178 No person shall resist or hinder the State Entomologist, or any inspector
179 whom he or she appoints, in the performance of the duties imposed by
180 this section. No person or corporation shall sell, to be removed to
181 another location, bees, brood comb, frames or hives that have been in
182 use, with or without combs, until they have been inspected by an
183 authorized inspector, who shall issue a certificate of health if they are
184 found free of contagious disease, insects, mites or parasitic organisms
185 adversely affecting bees or species or subspecies of bees, which have
186 been determined by the State Entomologist to cause harm, directly or
187 indirectly, to the bee population, crops or other plants. Any person
188 violating any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one
189 hundred dollars for a first violation, three hundred dollars for a second
190 violation and five hundred dollars for a third and any subsequent
191 violation.

192 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 22-131 of the general statutes is
193 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
194 *passage*):

195 (a) In accordance with section 4-9a, the Governor, [with the advice
196 and consent of either house of the General Assembly,] shall appoint
197 eight electors of the state, two of whom are actively engaged in the sale
198 and distribution of milk, two of whom are actively engaged in the
199 processing of milk, two of whom have no active or financial interest in
200 the production or sale of milk, and two of whom are actively engaged
201 in the production of milk, which eight electors, with the Commissioner

202 of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, and the Commissioner
203 of Agriculture, shall constitute the Milk Regulation Board. The
204 Governor, for cause, after a public hearing, may remove any appointed
205 member of the board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-327
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-367
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	22-380f(a)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	22-413
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	22-415a
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	22-90
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	22-131(a)

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*