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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1840

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1840 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The State Comptroller Act is amended by adding
5 Section 26 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 405/26 new)

7 Sec. 26. Helping Hand Pet Owners Care Fund. The State
8 Comptroller may establish and administer a Comptroller's
9 Helping Hand Pet Owners Care Fund. The purpose of the Fund is
10 to refund certain costs to qualified veterinarians who perform
11 spay and neuter procedures on dogs and cats brought in by
12 low-income residents. Such low-income participants shall be
13 limited to those whose eligible income shall be no more than
14 150% of the poverty level as defined by the Federal Poverty
15 Guidelines (FPL).

16 The Comptroller shall reimburse qualified veterinarians

1 for 50% of the cost of such procedure, up to \$50 per procedure.
2 The Comptroller shall adopt such rules and regulations as he or
3 she deems necessary for the efficient administration and
4 operation of the Helping Hand Pet Owners Care Fund and shall
5 expend no more than 10% of funds received on administration of
6 the program. The Comptroller shall conduct regular audits of
7 pet shops to determine their compliance under item (e) of
8 Section 3.15 of the Animal Welfare Act.

9 The Comptroller, in administering the Helping Hand Pet
10 Owners Care Fund, may receive such funds paid into it according
11 to the Animal Welfare Act.

12 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
13 Section 5.786 as follows:

14 (30 ILCS 105/5.786 new)

15 Sec. 5.786. The Helping Hand Pet Owners Care Fund.

16 Section 15. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing
17 Section 3.15 as follows:

18 (225 ILCS 605/3.15)

19 Sec. 3.15. Disclosures for dogs and cats being sold by pet
20 shops.

21 (a) Prior to the time of sale, every pet shop operator
22 must, to the best of his or her knowledge, provide to the

1 consumer the following information on any dog or cat being
2 offered for sale:

3 (1) The retail price of the dog or cat, including any
4 additional fees or charges.

5 (2) The breed, age, date of birth, sex, and color of
6 the dog or cat.

7 (3) The details of any inoculation or medical treatment
8 that the dog or cat received while under the possession of
9 the pet shop operator.

10 (4) The name and business address of both the dog or
11 cat breeder and the facility where the dog or cat was born.
12 If the dog or cat breeder is located in the State, then the
13 breeder's license number. If the dog or cat breeder also
14 holds a license issued by the United States Department of
15 Agriculture, the breeder's federal identification number.

16 (5) Any known congenital or hereditary diseases of the
17 parents of the dog or cat, or the parents' other offspring.

18 (6) If eligible for registration with a pedigree
19 registry, then the name and registration numbers of the
20 sire and dam and the address of the pedigree registry where
21 the sire and dam are registered.

22 (7) If the dog or cat was returned by a customer, then
23 the date and reason for the return.

24 (8) The following written statement: "A copy of our
25 policy regarding warranties, refunds, or returns is
26 available upon request."

1 (9) The pet shop operator's license number issued by
2 the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

3 (b) The information required in subsection (a) shall be
4 provided to the customer in written form by the pet shop
5 operator and shall have an acknowledgement of disclosures form,
6 which must be signed by the customer and the pet shop operator
7 at the time of sale. The acknowledgement of disclosures form
8 shall include the following:

9 (1) A blank space for the dated signature and printed
10 name of the pet shop operator, which shall be immediately
11 beneath the following statement: "I hereby attest that all
12 of the above information is true and correct to the best of
13 my knowledge."

14 (2) A blank space for the customer to sign and print
15 his or her name and the date, which shall be immediately
16 beneath the following statement: "I hereby attest that this
17 disclosure was posted on or near the cage of the dog or cat
18 for sale and that I have read all of the disclosures. I
19 further understand that I am entitled to keep a signed copy
20 of this disclosure."

21 (c) A copy of the disclosures and the signed
22 acknowledgement of disclosures form shall be provided to the
23 customer at the time of sale and the original copy shall be
24 maintained by the pet shop operator for a period of 2 years
25 from the date of sale. A copy of the pet store operator's
26 policy regarding warranties, refunds, or returns shall be

1 provided to the customer.

2 (d) A pet shop operator shall post in a conspicuous place
3 in writing on or near the cage of any dog or cat available for
4 sale the information required by subsection (a) of this Section
5 3.15.

6 (e) A pet shop shall collect \$15 for each dog or cat sold.
7 The money shall be sent quarterly to the Illinois Comptroller
8 and be deposited in the Helping Hand Pet Owners Care Fund. The
9 Comptroller shall distribute the proceeds of this fee to
10 qualified veterinarians who perform spay and neuter procedures
11 on dogs and cats brought in by low-income residents.
12 (Source: P.A. 96-1470, eff. 1-1-11.)".