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H 3998 General Bill, By Sharpe, Altman, J. Hines, Inabinett, Martin, Moody-Lawrence and Whipper Similar (S 1130)

Summary: Dogs, cats, domestic pets, Animals; regulation of; Euthanasia methods, Veterinary Medicine

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 47, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING
TO REGULATION BY COUNTIES OF DOGS AND OTHER DOMESTIC PETS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MAKE
THE ARTICLE SPECIFICALLY APPLICABLE TO CATS, PROVIDE FOR IMPOUNDING AND ADOPTION OF ANIMALS,
INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATING SECTION 47-3-50, PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF
CERTAIN REGULATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, PROVIDE THAT
WHENEVER AN ANIMAL SHELTER ACCEPTS OR COMES INTO POSSESSION OF A DOG OR CAT, THE SHELTER
MUST IMMEDIATELY AND THOROUGHLY SCAN THE ANIMAL FOR ANY IMPLANTED MICROCHIP, OR SIMILAR
DEVICE, WHICH PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP AND, UPON FINDING SUCH DEVICE, IMMEDIATELY MAKE A
GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO CONTACT THE IDENTIFIED OWNER, AND PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND TO
AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 47, RELATING TO ANIMAL EUTHANASIA, SO AS TO AMONG OTHER
THINGS, REVAMP THE PROVISIONS OF LAW REGARDING THE ALLOWABLE METHODS OF EUTHANASIA, INCREASE
THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
BRING AN ACTION TO ENJOIN A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

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