

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

March 5, 2019

Committee on Local Government.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB19-158 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 19 through 27 and substitute:

2 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-106.4, amend
3 (1), (3) introductory portion, and (3)(d); **repeal** (3)(c); and **add** (3)(e) as
4 follows:

5 **35-80-106.4. Sterilization of ownerless dogs and cats required**
6 **- rules - exceptions - violations.** (1) An animal shelter or pet animal
7 rescue shall not release a dog or cat to a prospective owner unless

8 (a) the animal has been sterilized by a licensed veterinarian. ~~or~~
9 (b) ~~(I) The prospective owner signs an agreement to have the~~
10 ~~animal sterilized by a licensed veterinarian within ninety days after the~~
11 ~~date of release and deposits a fee, in an amount specified by rule of the~~
12 ~~commissioner, with the animal shelter or pet animal rescue.~~

13 ~~(H) Upon receiving a written statement from the licensed~~
14 ~~veterinarian who performed the sterilization procedure that the dog or cat~~
15 ~~has been sterilized, the animal shelter or pet animal rescue shall refund~~
16 ~~the deposit to the prospective owner.~~

17 ~~(HH) If the prospective owner fails to provide the animal shelter~~
18 ~~or pet animal rescue with a written statement from a licensed veterinarian~~
19 ~~stating that the veterinarian performed a sterilization procedure on the dog~~
20 ~~or cat within ninety days after signing the agreement.~~

21 ~~(A) The prospective owner shall forfeit the deposit and the animal~~
22 ~~shelter or pet animal rescue shall forward the amount of the deposit to the~~
23 ~~pet overpopulation fund created in section 35-80-116.5 (5) or a local~~

1 ~~dedicated spay and neuter fund; and~~
2 ~~(B) The animal shelter or pet animal rescue may promptly reclaim~~
3 ~~the animal from the prospective owner.~~
4 (3) This section ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to:
5 (c) ~~Animal shelters or pet animal rescues with existing~~
6 ~~sterilization programs that ensure that every dog or cat is sterilized before~~
7 ~~being released; or~~
8 (d) Public animal shelters eligible for waiver of licensing fees
9 pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner; OR
10 (e) A FACILITY IN AN AREA WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO LICENSED
11 VETERINARIANS THAT HAS BEEN GRANTED AN EXEMPTION BY THE
12 COMMISSIONER."

13 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 7.

14 Page 4, strike line 9 and substitute "(1) introductory portion, (1)(b), and
15 (3); and **add**".

16 Page 4, strike lines 20 through 27.

17 Page 5, strike line 1.

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