



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

Raised Bill No. 5283

LCO No. 634



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS, CATS AND RABBITS IN PET SHOPS.

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of
2 section 7-148 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (D) (i) Regulate and prohibit the going at large of dogs and other
5 animals in the streets and public places of the municipality and prevent
6 cruelty to animals and all inhuman sports, except that no municipality
7 shall adopt breed-specific dog ordinances;

8 (ii) Regulate and prohibit the keeping of wild or domestic animals,
9 including reptiles, within the municipal limits or portions thereof;

10 (iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 435, prohibit the sale
11 of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet shops, as defined in section 22-327;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	7-148(c)(7)(D)
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Statement of Purpose:

To authorize municipalities to prohibit the sale of certain animals in pet shops.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]