

Amendment to HB 250

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT enabling local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs and increasing the
4 fee to license certain dogs.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 City or Town Bylaws; Restraint of Dogs. Amend RSA 466:39 to read as follows:

9 466:39 City or Town Bylaws. The local governing body may make such additional bylaws and
10 regulations concerning the licensing, *muzzling of vicious dogs as defined in RSA 466:31, II(g)*,
11 and restraining of dogs as it deems reasonable, and may affix penalties not exceeding \$50 for a
12 breach thereof. Such bylaws and regulations shall relate only to dogs owned or kept in such city or
13 town, and the annual fee required for a license shall in no case be more than \$1 in addition to the
14 sum hereby required.

15 2 Fees; Licensing of Dogs. Amend RSA 466:4, I(a) to read as follows:

16 I.(a) The fee for every license for a year or portion of a year shall be:

17 (1) [~~\$4.50~~] **\$4.75** for dogs at least 4 months old but less than 7 months old which are
18 not spayed or neutered and \$4.50 for a neutered male or spayed female dog 7 months old or older;
19 provided, however, that the owner or keeper of such spayed female dog or neutered male dog shall
20 comply with the provisions of RSA 466:1-a to the satisfaction of the clerk of the town or city in which
21 such dog is owned or kept; or

22 (2) [~~\$7~~] **\$7.25** for any unneutered male or unsplayed female dog 7 months old or
23 older.

24 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs.

This bill also increases the licensing fee for certain dogs.