

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee

Jessica Bourque 271-2104

HB 86-FN-LOCAL, increasing the cost of service for notice of civil forfeiture of unlicensed dogs to the rate for certified mail.

Hearing Date: March 25, 2025

Time Opened: 9:27 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:30 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Lang, Rochefort, Perkins Kwoka and Long

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill increases the cost of service for notice of civil forfeiture of unlicensed dogs to the rate for certified mail.

Sponsors:

Rep. St. Clair

Rep. Sellers

Rep. Soucy

Who supports the bill: Brodie Deshaies

Who opposes the bill: Moira Ryan

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Lang introduced the bill on behalf of the prime sponsor, Representative St. Clair.

Moira Ryan

- Sees this as the cost of doing business for cities and towns.
- Some people can't afford to license their dogs, and Ms. Ryan believes it is unfair to add this charge on top of the licensing fee.