

HB 250 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL **250**

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

SPONSORS: Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. N. Germana, Ches. 15; Rep. Jacobs, Ches. 15; Rep. O'Rorke, Ches. 7; Rep. Jones, Ches. 3

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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

This bill also increases the licensing fee for certain dogs.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~.
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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the fee to license certain dogs.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 City or Town Bylaws; Restraint of Dogs. Amend RSA 466:39 to read as follows:
2 466:39 City or Town Bylaws. The local governing body may make such additional bylaws and
3 regulations concerning the licensing, ***muzzling of vicious dogs as defined in RSA 466:31, II(g)***,
4 and restraining of dogs as it deems reasonable, and may affix penalties not exceeding \$50 for a
5 breach thereof. Such bylaws and regulations shall relate only to dogs owned or kept in such city or
6 town, and the annual fee required for a license shall in no case be more than \$1 in addition to the
7 sum hereby required.
- 8 2 Fees; Licensing of Dogs. Amend RSA 466:4, I(a) to read as follows:
9 I.(a) The fee for every license for a year or portion of a year shall be:
10 (1) [~~\$4.50~~] **\$4.75** for dogs at least 4 months old but less than 7 months old which are
11 not spayed or neutered and \$4.50 for a neutered male or spayed female dog 7 months old or older;
12 provided, however, that the owner or keeper of such spayed female dog or neutered male dog shall
13 comply with the provisions of RSA 466:1-a to the satisfaction of the clerk of the town or city in which
14 such dog is owned or kept; or
15 (2) [~~\$7~~] **\$7.25** for any unneutered male or unspayed female dog 7 months old or
16 older.
- 17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.