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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to dog licenses.

SPONSORS: Rep. Dargie, Hills. 43; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill increases the annual dog licensing fee.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to dog licenses.

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

1 84:1 Dog License Fees. Amend RSA 466:4, I-II to read as follows:

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

3 (1) [~~\$4.50~~] **\$4.75** for dogs at least 4 months old but less than 7 months old which are not
4 spayed or neutered and [~~\$4.50~~] **\$4.75** for a neutered male or spayed female dog 7 months old or older;
5 provided, however, that the owner or keeper of such spayed female dog or neutered male dog shall
6 comply with the provisions of RSA 466:1-a to the satisfaction of the clerk of the town or city in which such
7 dog is owned or kept; or

8 (2) [~~\$7~~] **\$7.25** for any unneutered male or unspayed female dog 7 months old or older.

9 (b) In addition to the sum required in subparagraphs I(a)(1) and (2), each year the owner of
10 each dog shall pay the clerk of the city or town where the dog is registered a companion animal population
11 control fee of \$1.75.

12 (c) The clerk shall remit all companion animal population control fees collected to the state
13 treasurer along with the fees sent in accordance with RSA 466:9, provided that such companion animal
14 population control fees shall be deposited into the companion animal neutering fund, established in RSA
15 437-A:4-a.

16 II. Notwithstanding paragraph I, the fee for every license for a year or a portion of a year shall be
17 [~~\$1.75~~] **\$2** for a dog of either sex if the owner is 65 years of age or older. Such owner shall not be
18 required to pay the companion animal population control fee, under RSA 466:4, I(b), for licensing of one
19 dog; provided, however, that, if such owner wishes to license more than one dog, the fee for any
20 additional license shall be as provided in paragraph I.

21 84:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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