

**SB0625/577470/2**

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 625  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Internet Sales of Domestic Animals” and substitute “Modifications”; strike beginning with “for” in line 4 down through “pets” in line 6 and substitute “broker that transfers dogs for resale by another person”; in line 6, after “stores;” insert “clarifying a certain prohibition on the sale of cats or dogs by retail pet stores; repealing a certain statement of intent of the General Assembly; altering a certain definition; repealing a certain definition;”; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive; in line 15, strike “19-701(g)” and substitute “19-701 and 19-703”; and after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing

Chapter 237 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018  
Section 2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 22, insert:

“(b) “Animal control unit” has the meaning stated in § 10-617 of the Criminal Law Article.

(c) (1) “Animal welfare organization” means a nonprofit organization:

(i) that has tax exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; and

(ii) whose mission and practice is the rescue of animals and the placement of those animals in permanent homes.

(Over)

(2) “Animal welfare organization” does not include an organization that obtains animals from a breeder or broker in exchange for payment or compensation.

(d) “Breeder” means a person who breeds or raises dogs to sell, exchange, or otherwise transfer to the public.

(e) “Broker” means a person who transfers dogs for resale by another person.

[(f) “Offer for sale” includes to sell, offer to transfer, offer for adoption, advertise for the sale, barter, auction, give away, or otherwise dispose of a domestic animal.]”.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “(g)” and substitute “**(F) (1)**”; in lines 2 and 4, strike “**(1)**” and “**(2)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(I)**” and “**(II)**”, respectively; in line 2, strike “open to the public”; in line 3, strike “AND” and substitute “**OR**”; strike beginning with “A” in line 4 down through “PETS” in line 5 and substitute “**A BROKER**”; after line 5, insert:

**(2) “RETAIL PET STORE” DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ESTABLISHMENT AT WHICH:**

**(I) THE ANIMALS SOLD AT THE ESTABLISHMENT WERE BORN AT THE ESTABLISHMENT; AND**

**(II) A COMPLETED SALE, TRANSFER, OR DISPOSITION OF A CAT OR DOG IS CONDUCTED IN PERSON WITH BOTH PARTIES PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE SAME LOCATION.”;**

and in line 7, strike “offer for sale” and substitute “**SELL**”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, after line 11, insert:

“Chapter 237 of the Acts of 2018

[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) animal welfare organizations initiate contact with retail pet stores, as provided under § 19–703(b) of the Business Regulation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, that will no longer be able to offer for sale cats and dogs, to facilitate collaboration to showcase cats and dogs for:

(i) adoption from an animal control unit or an animal welfare organization; or

(ii) purchase from local breeders; and

(2) the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee monitor the implementation of this Act.].”