

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.

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(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.].”