

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 15—ASSEMBLYMAN MANENDO

PREFILED DECEMBER 5, 2008

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing sterilization requirements for dogs and cats. (BDR 50-203)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to animals; requiring notice of any sterilization requirements for dogs and cats required by local ordinance to be posted in a public park and the office of each licensed veterinarian; requiring a retailer or dealer who sells a dog or cat to disclose to the purchaser any sterilization requirements for the animal required by local ordinance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law governs the sterilization of pets that are released by various
2 releasing agencies, including societies to prevent cruelty to animals, animal
3 shelters, nonprofit entities that provide temporary shelter for pets and organizations
4 that take into custody pets which have been abandoned, abused or neglected. (NRS
5 574.600-574.660) **Section 1** of this bill requires each licensed veterinarian to post
6 in his office written notice of any sterilization requirements for dogs or cats
7 required by local ordinance. **Section 1** further requires a governmental entity with
8 jurisdiction over a public park to post written notice in the park of any sterilization
9 requirements for the animals required by local ordinance. **Sections 2 and 3** of this
10 bill require a retailer or dealer who sells a dog or cat to disclose to the purchaser the
11 name and address of the breeder of the dog or cat and any sterilization requirements
12 for the animal required by local ordinance. (NRS 574.460, 574.470) A retailer or
13 dealer who fails to comply with the disclosure requirements is subject to an
14 administrative fine imposed by the Director of the State Department of Agriculture
15 in an amount not to exceed \$250 for the first violation, \$500 for the second
16 violation and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. (NRS 574.485)
17 **Section 4** of this bill provides that a retailer, dealer or operator must not
18 separate a dog or cat from its mother until it is 8 weeks of age or accustomed to



19 taking food or nourishment other than by nursing, whichever is later.
20 (NRS 574.500)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 574 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 **1. A licensed veterinarian shall post written notice in a**
4 **conspicuous place in his office of any sterilization requirements**
5 **for dogs or cats required by local ordinance.**

6 **2. A governmental entity with jurisdiction over a public park**
7 **in which dogs or cats are allowed shall post written notice in a**
8 **conspicuous place in the park of any sterilization requirements for**
9 **dogs or cats required by local ordinance.**

10 **3. As used in this section, "licensed veterinarian" has the**
11 **meaning ascribed to it in NRS 638.007.**

12 **Sec. 2.** NRS 574.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 574.460 1. A retailer or dealer shall, before selling a cat,
14 provide the purchaser of the cat with a written statement that
15 discloses:

16 (a) The name, address and telephone number of the retailer or
17 dealer.

18 (b) The date the cat was born, if known.

19 (c) The name and address of the person from whom the retailer
20 or dealer obtained the cat and, if the person holds a license issued by
21 the United States Department of Agriculture, the person's federal
22 identification number.

23 (d) The name and address of the breeder of the cat ~~[, if any,]~~
24 and, if the breeder holds a license issued by the United States
25 Department of Agriculture, the breeder's federal identification
26 number.

27 (e) The registration numbers, if any, of the cat's sire and dam
28 with the appropriate breed registry or any health certifications from
29 a health certification organization such as the Orthopedic
30 Foundation for Animals or its successor organization, if any.

31 (f) A record of any immunizations administered to the cat before
32 the time of sale, including the type of vaccine, date of administration
33 and name and address of the veterinarian who prescribed the
34 vaccine.

35 (g) *Any sterilization requirements for the cat required by local*
36 *ordinance.*

37 (h) The medical history of the cat, including, without limitation:

38 (1) The date that a veterinarian examined and, if applicable,
39 reexamined the cat pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 574.450



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1 and determined that the cat did not have any illness, disease or other
2 condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or
3 immediate surgical intervention. For the purposes of this
4 subparagraph, the presence of internal or external parasites does not
5 constitute an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or
6 requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical
7 intervention, unless the cat is clinically ill as a result of the parasite.

8 (2) Whether any treatment or medication has been
9 administered by the veterinarian who examined or, if applicable,
10 reexamined the cat pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 574.450
11 and if such treatment or medication was administered, a statement
12 indicating on what date it was administered and for what illness,
13 disease or condition.

14 (3) *The date on which the veterinarian sterilized the cat, if*
15 *applicable.*

16 (4) The name and address of the veterinarian who performed
17 the examinations , ~~for~~ reexaminations *or sterilization* or
18 administered any treatments or medications.

19 ~~(h)~~ (i) That a copy of the veterinarian's evaluation of the health
20 of the cat made pursuant to NRS 574.450 is available to the
21 purchaser.

22 2. The written statement must be signed and dated by the
23 retailer or dealer and contain a space for the purchaser to sign and
24 date the statement as an attestation that he has read and understands
25 the disclosures contained in the statement.

26 **Sec. 3.** NRS 574.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 574.470 1. A retailer or dealer shall, before selling a dog,
28 provide the purchaser of the dog with a written statement that
29 discloses:

30 (a) The name, address and telephone number of the retailer or
31 dealer.

32 (b) The date the dog was born, if known.

33 (c) The name and address of the person from whom the retailer
34 or dealer obtained the dog and, if the person holds a license issued
35 by the United States Department of Agriculture, the person's federal
36 identification number.

37 (d) The name and address of the breeder of the dog ~~[, if any,]~~
38 and, if the breeder holds a license issued by the United States
39 Department of Agriculture, the breeder's federal identification
40 number.

41 (e) The registration numbers, if any, of the dog's sire and dam
42 with the appropriate breed registry or any health certificates from a
43 health certification organization such as the Orthopedic Foundation
44 for Animals or its successor organization, if any.



1 (f) A record of any immunizations administered to the dog
2 before the time of sale, including the type of vaccine, date of
3 administration and name and address of the veterinarian who
4 prescribed the vaccine.

5 (g) *Any sterilization requirements for the dog required by local*
6 *ordinance.*

7 (h) The medical history of the dog, including, without
8 limitation:

9 (1) The date that a veterinarian examined and, if applicable,
10 reexamined the dog pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 574.450
11 and determined that the dog did not have any illness, disease or
12 other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization
13 or immediate surgical intervention. For the purposes of this
14 subparagraph, the presence of internal or external parasites does not
15 constitute an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or
16 requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical
17 intervention, unless the dog is clinically ill as a result of the parasite.

18 (2) Whether any treatment or medication has been
19 administered by the veterinarian who examined or, if applicable,
20 reexamined the dog pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 574.450
21 and, if such treatment or medication was administered, a statement
22 indicating on what date it was administered and for what illness,
23 disease or condition.

24 (3) *The date on which the veterinarian sterilized the dog, if*
25 *applicable.*

26 (4) The name and address of the veterinarian who performed
27 the examinations , ~~for~~ reexaminations *or sterilization* or
28 administered any treatments or medications.

29 ~~(h)~~ (i) That a copy of the veterinarian's evaluation of the health
30 of the dog performed pursuant to NRS 574.450 is available to the
31 purchaser.

32 2. The written statement must be signed and dated by the
33 retailer or dealer and contain a space for the purchaser to sign and
34 date the statement as an attestation that he has read and understands
35 the disclosures contained in the statement.

36 **Sec. 4.** NRS 574.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 574.500 A retailer, dealer or operator shall not separate a dog
38 or cat from its mother until it is *8 weeks of age or* accustomed to
39 taking food or nourishment other than by nursing ~~H~~, *whichever is*
40 *later.*

