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HOUSE AMENDMENT "*B*" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 696,
L.D. 1861, Bill, "An Act to Expand the Membership of the Animal
Welfare Board"

Amend the amendment in section 21 in subsection 3 in
paragraph C in the 4th line (page 10, line 17 in amendment) by
inserting after the following: "~~2-A~~" the following: 'the
municipal impoundment fee and actual fees incurred for food,
shelter, veterinary care and any other fees required by this
chapter for each day that the dog has been sheltered'

Further amend the amendment in section 21 in subsection 4 in
paragraph B in the last line (page 10, line 28 in amendment) by
striking out the following: "4872." and inserting in its place
the following: '4872, if a veterinarian determines that the dog
is not adoptable due to illness. Except as provided in this
section, an animal control shelter must hold a dog at least 8
days before euthanasia.'

Further amend the amendment in section 21 in subsection 4 by
inserting after paragraph B 2 blocked paragraphs to read:

'Notwithstanding this subsection, ownership of a dog for the
purposes of adoption is immediately vested in a shelter if the
shelter makes a determination that the dog is obviously
abandoned. An obviously abandoned dog does not include a dog
roaming at large.'

An animal control shelter shall establish and collect fees for
reclaimed or adopted animals to offset costs of keeping a dog
beyond 6 days.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment requires animal control shelters to hold dogs
4 at least 8 days before euthanasia unless a veterinarian
6 authorizes euthanasia for medical reasons. The amendment allows
8 the shelter to assume ownership of a dog for the purposes of
10 adoption immediately upon determining that the dog is abandoned.
 The amendment also requires animal control shelters to establish
 and collect fees to offset the cost of keeping dogs beyond 6 days
 when the dog is reclaimed or adopted.

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