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SENATE AMENDMENT "G" 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 or unacceptably aggressive temperament. Except as provided in this section, an animal control shelter must hold a dog at least 11 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 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

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This amendment requires animal control shelters to hold dogs at least 11 days before euthanasia unless a veterinarian authorizes euthanasia for medical reasons. The amendment allow the shelter to assume ownership of a dog for the purposes of 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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