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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1646, L.D. 2306, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Animal Welfare Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in the 4th line (page 1, line 41 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$10" and inserting in its place the following: '\$5' and in the next-to-the-last line (page 1, line 49 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "fee" the following: 'of \$10'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 2, lines 5 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'The court, as part of the penalty, may prohibit a person adjudicated as having violated the laws against cruelty to animals from owning, possessing or having on the defendant's premises an animal for a period of time, up to and including permanent relinquishment. ~~The court as part of the sentence may order that the defendant be evaluated to determine the need for psychiatric or psychological counseling and, if it is determined appropriate, the court may order that the defendant receive psychiatric or psychological counseling at the defendant's expense.~~

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

4           This amendment removes the section of the bill that proposes  
6 to amend provisions for euthanasia of stray dogs. It changes the  
8 late fee for dog licensing from the current late fee of \$3 to \$5  
10 for municipalities that do not issue a warrant and clarifies  
that, in municipalities that do issue late warrants, the late fee  
for dog licensing is \$10. It also removes language allowing the  
court to order a psychological evaluation for a person who  
violates the civil laws regarding cruelty to animals.