



ILLINOIS BILL CALLS FOR PET SHOPS TO CHARGE FEE ON DOG AND CAT SALES TO BENEFIT ANIMAL SHELTERS

**** HEARING SET FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH ****

The Issue:

A hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 8th on Illinois Senate Bill 1840 to consider mandating pet shops to collect a \$15 fee for every dog and cat a shop sells. The fee will go towards the state "Pet Population Control Fund" and be dispersed to animal shelters.

The Impact:

The bill states that "a pet shop shall collect \$15 for each dog or cat sold. The money shall be sent quarterly to the Department of Public Health and be deposited in the Pet Population Control Fund. The Department shall distribute the proceeds of this fee to qualified animal shelters."

The provisions of the bill are added to the Animal Welfare Act disclosure requirements for pet stores (225 ILCS 605/3.15). The Act defines an "animal shelter" as "a facility operated, owned, or maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal welfare society, or other non-profit organization for the purpose of providing for and promoting the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of animals".

A "pet shop operator" is defined as "any person who sells, offers to sell, exchange, or offers for adoption with or without charge or donation dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, or other animals customarily obtained as pets in this State."

PIJAC Position:

This PetAlert is for informational purposes only. All pet shop operators in Illinois should read [the text of this bill](#) carefully and contact [committee members](#) as soon as possible with questions and concerns.

Recommended Action:

As stated above, SB 1840 is set to be heard in the Senate Agriculture & Conservation Committee on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 409 of the Capitol.

If you have any additional questions or comments please feel free to contact PIJAC Bambi Nicole Osborne at: 202/452-1525, ext. 105 or by email at: bambi@pijac.org.