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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Dogs & cats--
neutering
increase pilot
clinic fees)

LAWS OF: 1989

CHAPTER: 93

Bill No: A3021

Sponsor(s): Genova

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Committee: Assembly: Conservation, Natural Resources & Energy

Senate: Natural Resources & Agriculture

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P.L.1989, CHAPTER 93, approved June 14, 1989

1988 Assembly No. 3021

1 **AN ACT** concerning a pilot clinic for the spaying and neutering
of dogs and cats and amending P.L. 1983, c. 180.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 **State of New Jersey:**

7 1. Section 2 of P.L. 1983, c. 180 (C. 4:19A-11) is amended to
read as follows:

9 a. There is established in the department a pilot clinic for the
spaying and neutering of dogs and cats to determine the
11 practicability and feasibility of establishing a Statewide clinic
program.

13 b. The commissioner shall establish a pilot clinic at a location
whereby the public may have dogs and cats spayed or neutered, as
the case may be, in a humane manner by a licensed veterinarian
15 upon payment of the following fees:

	For spaying female dogs weighing		
17	Not more than 40 pounds	[\$25.00]	<u>\$35.00</u>
	41 to 60 pounds	[30.00]	<u>40.00</u>
19	Over 60 pounds	[35.00]	<u>45.00</u>
	<u>For spaying female dogs which are</u>		
21	<u>pregnant or in heat</u>		<u>50.00</u>
	For neutering male dogs weighing		
23	Not more than 40 pounds	[20.00]	<u>25.00</u>
	41 to 65 pounds	[25.00]	<u>30.00</u>
25	Over 65 pounds	[30.00]	<u>35.00</u>
	For spaying female cats of any		
27	weight	[20.00]	<u>35.00</u>
	For spaying female cats which are		
29	pregnant or in heat	[25.00]	<u>35.00</u>
	For neutering male cats of any		
31	weight	[15.00]	<u>25.00</u>

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 c. The fees shall include immunization of dogs against
2 distemper, hepatitis and leptospirosis and the immunization of
3 cats against feline panleucopenia, pneumonitis and
4 rhinotracheitis, which immunization shall be given at least 10
5 days prior to surgery on animals not previously immunized.

6 d. The commissioner may, by regulation adopted pursuant to
7 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c. 410 (C.
8 52:14B-1 et seq.), increase any of the fees permitted to be
9 charged pursuant to subsection a. of this section upon a finding
10 that the increase is necessary to sustain operation of the pilot
11 clinic established pursuant to this section.

(cf: P.L. 1983, c. 180, s. 2)

12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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16 STATEMENT

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18 This bill would increase the fees permitted to be charged by
19 the pilot clinic established for spaying and neutering dogs and
20 cats pursuant to P.L. 1983, c. 180 (C. 4:19A-10 et seq.). The bill
21 would also authorize the Commissioner of Health to increase any
22 of the statutorily prescribed fees upon a finding that the increase
23 is necessary to sustain operation of the pilot clinic.

24 This bill is necessary because the present statutorily prescribed
25 fee schedule is insufficient to cover the costs of operating a
26 spay/neuter pilot clinic, and, thus, the continued operation of the
27 clinic is in jeopardy. For a reasonable cost to those who might
28 not otherwise be able to afford it, the pilot clinic provides a
29 valuable public service, thereby helping to control the number of
30 stray and unwanted dogs and cats in the State.

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION,
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3021

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 22, 1988

The Assembly Committee on Conservation, Natural Resources and Energy favorably reported Assembly Bill No. 3021.

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The sponsor has stated that this bill is necessary because the present statutorily prescribed fees are insufficient to cover the costs of operating the spay/neuter pilot clinic, thus jeopardizing the continued operation of the clinic. For a reasonable cost to those who might not otherwise be able to afford it, the pilot clinic provides a valuable public service by helping to control the number of stray and unwanted dogs and cats in the State. The fees to be charged by the clinic are significantly below those charged by private veterinarians for the same services.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3021

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 1989

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Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed legislation to prohibit smoking in public school buildings, saying that public health considerations outweighed individual rights in this instance.

The bill, A-3722, was sponsored by Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden, R-Essex, and Assemblyman Harold Colburn, R-Burlington. An identical bill, S-3334, was passed in the Senate under the sponsorship of Senator Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union.

The bill requires that local boards of education implement the ban on smoking within six months.

In signing the bill, Kean said he had reservations concerning the state mandating such a policy at the local level, as well as concerns about balancing public health and private rights.

"In the end, it was my feeling that public health --- particularly when it involves youngsters in a school setting --- should take precedence," Kean said.

Other bills signed by Kean today are:

A-3021, sponsored by Assemblyman Peter Genova, R-Union, to increase the fees charged for spaying and neutering dogs and cats at the Department of Health's pilot clinic in Hillside. It also vests future rate setting powers within the Department. The increase, ranging from \$5 to \$15, was necessary for the program to become self-sustaining.

A-464, sponsored by Assemblyman Robert Shinn, R-Burlington, to permit the marketing by local governments of products derived from solid waste without the necessity of public bidding.

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