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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Animal Population Control Programs-- extend eligibility to adopt from non-profit shelters)

CHAPTER 192

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Sponsor(s): Russo

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Senate: Natural Resources & Agriculture

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SENATE, No. 2247

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 5, 1986

By Senator RUSSO

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture

AN ACT concerning eligibility for participation in the Animal Population Control Program and amending P. L. 1983, c. 172.

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

1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1983, c. 172 (C. 4:19A-2) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 3. In order to be eligible to participate in the program, an owner
4 of a dog or cat shall be eligible for, and participate in, at least
5 one of the following:

6 a. The Food Stamp Program authorized by Title VIII of the
7 Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95-113 (7 U. S. C. § 2011
8 et seq.);

9 b. The Supplemental Security Income Program established pur-
10 suant to Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 U. S. C. § 1381
11 et seq.;

12 c. The program for aid to families with dependent children, pur-
13 suant to P. L. 1959, c. 86 (C. 44:10-1 et seq.);

14 d. The program for general public assistance, pursuant to the
15 provisions of the "General Public Assistance Law," P. L. 1947,
16 c. 156 (C. 44:8-107 et seq.);

17 e. The program of medical assistance pursuant to P. L. 1968,
18 c. 413 (C. 30:4D-1 et seq.);

19 f. The program of "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and
20 Disabled," established pursuant to P. L. 1975, c. 194 (C. 30:4D-20
21 et seq.);

22 g. The rental assistance program authorized pursuant to sec-

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23 tion 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as added by the
 24 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-383
 25 (42 U. S. C. § 1437 (f));

26 h. The "Lifeline Credit Program" established pursuant to P. L.
 27 1979, c. 197 (C. 48:2-29.15 et seq.); or

28 i. The "Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program" established pur-
 29 suant to P. L. 1981, c. 210 (C. 48:2-29.30 et seq.); *or shall submit*
 30 *proof in the form of certificates of adoption and licensure that the*
 31 *dog or cat was adopted from a licensed nonprofit animal shelter or*
 32 *municipal, county, or regional pound and is duly licensed pursuant*
 33 *to State and municipal law, and shall pay an additional \$20.00 fee.*
 34 *to be deposited in the fund.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would extend eligibility for participation in the Animal Population Control Program, which now provides low-cost sterilization services to owners who meet certain criteria of need, to owners who have adopted pets from nonprofit animal shelters and pounds and pay a \$20.00 fee.

ANIMALS—DOMESTIC

Extends eligibility for participation in Animal Population Control Program to owners who adopt pets from nonprofit shelters.

ASSEMBLY ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2247

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 23, 1986

The Assembly Energy and Natural Resources Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2247.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the sterilization of dogs and cats adopted from nonprofit animal shelters and municipal, county, or regional pounds and licensed pursuant to State or municipal law to be supported in part by monies in the Animal Population Control Fund created pursuant to P. L. 1983, c. 172 under the Animal Population Control Program established therein. The bill thus removes a disincentive to the adoption of homeless animals while helping to reduce the future population of such animals.

The bill would not require additional funding. Revenues are to be drawn from monies in the fund and the \$20.00 copay from persons adopting dogs. Further, applications of fund monies to this purpose is conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funds.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2247

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 1986

The Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee favorably reported Senate Bill No. 2247.

This bill would extend eligibility for participation in the Animal Population Control Program, which now provides low-cost sterilization services to owners of dogs or cats who meet certain criteria of need, to owners who have adopted pets from non-profit animal shelters and pounds and pay a \$20.00 fee. Owners must also show that the dog or cat is duly licensed pursuant to State and municipal law where required. The extension of eligibility is not expected to require additional funding because revenues will be made available from monies currently in the Animal Population Control Fund and the \$20.00 copay from persons adopting pets.