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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 7, *approved January 24, 2007*
Senate, No. 695 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning municipal dog license fees and amending
2 P.L.1941, c.151.

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

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11 each renewal thereof, as required by section 3 of this act, which
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13 than \$21¹ provided however, that the governing body may by
14 ordinance, provide for a reduction or waiver of the sum to be paid
15 by an owner who presents a certificate signed by a licensed
16 veterinarian stating that the dog has been spayed or neutered. In the
17 absence of any local ordinance, the fee for all dog licenses shall be
18 \$1.50.

19 b. The governing body of each municipality, may, by ordinance,
20 fix the sum to be paid for a 3-year dog license and each renewal
21 thereof, which sum shall be not more than 3 times the sum charged
22 for an annual license under subsection a. of this section. In the
23 absence of such a local ordinance, the license fee for a 3-year dog
24 license shall be \$4.50. The Department of Health shall promulgate
25 appropriate regulations concerning veterinarians' certificates for
26 rabies inoculations of dogs for 3-year periods in connection with
27 licenses issued under this subsection.

28 (cf: P.L.1978, c.168, s.1)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to all
31 dog licenses issued after the effective date of this act.

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Increases maximum municipal dog license fee from \$7 to \$21.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted March 13, 2006.

SENATE, No. 695

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:
Senator LORETTA WEINBERG
District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

Permits each municipality to set amount of dog license fee.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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STATEMENT

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38 dogs to license, have complained that the \$7.00 maximum annual
39 fee does not cover the cost of the statutorily-required animal control
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ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 695

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2006

The Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 695 (1R).

This bill would authorize municipalities to set the fee for an annual dog license at an amount up to \$21. The current maximum dog license fee, established in 1978, is \$7.

Smaller municipalities, with fewer dogs to license, have complained that the \$7 maximum annual fee does not cover the cost of the statutorily-required animal control responsibilities in those municipalities, including the cost of an annual free rabies clinic, an animal control officer and a pound facility to house stray animals for the required 7-day period. The failure of the dog license fee to cover these costs means the affected municipalities must use other municipal revenue to provide the required services.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1432 Aca, which bill was also released favorably by the committee today.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 695

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2006

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 695.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 695

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator WEINBERG)

ADOPTED: MARCH 13, 2006

This amendment would authorize municipalities to set the fee for an annual dog license at an amount up to \$21. The current maximum dog license fee, established in 1978, is \$7.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1432

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Voss, Assemblymen Gordon, Manzo and Prieto

SYNOPSIS

Permits each municipality to set amount of dog license fee.

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/22/2006)

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ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1432

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2006

The Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1432 with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, authorizes municipalities to set the fee for an annual dog license at an amount up to \$21. The current maximum dog license fee, established in 1978, is \$7. Smaller municipalities, with fewer dogs to license, have complained that the \$7 maximum annual fee does not cover the cost of the statutorily-required animal control responsibilities in those municipalities, including the cost of an annual free rabies clinic, an animal control officer and a pound facility to house stray animals for the required 7-day period. The failure of the dog license fee to cover these costs means the affected municipalities must use other municipal revenue to provide the required services.

Committee amendments

The committee amended the bill to provide that the annual dog license fee may not exceed \$21, rather than allowing a municipality to set the fee at any amount, as provided under the bill in its introduced form.

The bill, as amended by the committee, is identical to Senate Bill No. 695 [1R], which was also released favorably by the committee today.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.