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**NJSA:** 4:19A-2 (Animal population control—eligibility)

**LAWS OF:** 1991 **CHAPTER:** 405

**Bill No:** S2835

**Sponsor(s):** Russo

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**Committee: Assembly:** Economic Growth

**Senate:** Natural Resources

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**Senate:** Yes

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**Following were printed:**

**Reports:** No

**Hearings:** No

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

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

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

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

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

14 b. The Supplemental Security Income Program established  
15 pursuant to Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1381  
16 et seq.;

17 c. The program for aid to families with dependent children,  
18 pursuant to P.L.1959, c.86 (C.44:10-1 et seq.);

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

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

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

27 g. The rental assistance program authorized pursuant to  
28 section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as added by  
29 the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,  
30 Pub.L.93-383 (42 U.S.C. § 1437(f));

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

33 i. The "Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program" established  
34 pursuant to P.L.1981, c.210 (C.48:2-29.30 et seq.).

35 A resident of New Jersey who owns a dog or cat shall also be  
36 eligible to participate in the program if the owner: (1) submits to  
37 a veterinarian participating in the program proof, in the form of  
38 a certificate of adoption, that the dog or cat was adopted from a

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 New Jersey licensed animal shelter, a New Jersey municipal,  
2 county, or regional pound, or a New Jersey holding and  
3 impoundment facility that contracts with New Jersey  
4 municipalities, or proof that the dog or cat was adopted through a  
5 non-profit corporation operating an animal adoption referral  
6 service in New Jersey and whose holding facility is licensed in  
7 accordance with State and municipal law; or proof that the dog or  
8 cat was adopted through a non-profit corporation operating an  
9 animal adoption referral service in New Jersey that does not  
10 operate a holding facility; and, in the case of a dog, proof that  
11 the dog is duly licensed pursuant to State and municipal law; and  
12 (2) pays a \$20 fee, to be deposited in the fund. The Department of  
13 Health may adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure  
14 Act," P.L.1988, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), such rules and  
15 regulations as may be necessary to implement this amendatory  
16 act.

17 (cf: P.L.1989, c.238, s.1)

18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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21 STATEMENT

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23 This bill would amend current law to allow persons who adopt  
24 dogs or cats through a non-profit animal adoption referral service  
25 to participate in the Animal Population Control Program's low  
26 cost spaying and neutering program. Currently, only those who  
27 adopt pets from referral services that operate licensed holding  
28 facilities may participate in the program. This bill, by promoting  
29 the spaying and neutering of more animals, would help to reduce  
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ASSEMBLY ECONOMIC GROWTH, AGRICULTURE, TOURISM  
AND COASTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2835

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 8, 1991

The Assembly Economic Growth, Agriculture, Tourism and Coastal Protection Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2835.

This bill would amend P.L.1983, c.172 (C.4:19A-1 et seq.), which law provided for establishment and implementation of a State Animal Population Control Program, the purposes of which was to reduce the population of unwanted stray or feral cats and dogs by encouraging the owners to have those animals permanently sexually sterilized. By spaying and neutering the expanding population of unwanted domestic animals, the program would reduce the threats to the public health and safety, and reduce the large number of stray and feral dogs and cats which are euthanized each year.

This bill would amend section 3 of P.L.1983 (C.14:19A-2), which deals with the eligibility of pet owners for the low-cost sterilization services provided by the program. In addition to the criteria contained in the existing law, this bill would provide that persons who adopt dogs or cats from a non-profit animal adoption referral service which does not operate a holding facility, may avail themselves of the program's sterilization services. Under the current law, if the referral service does not operate a holding facility, the pet adopted therefrom would not qualify for low cost spaying or neutering.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2835**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 1990

The Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2835.

This bill would amend current law to allow persons who adopt dogs or cats through a non-profit animal adoption referral service which does not operate a holding facility to participate in the Animal Population Control Program's low cost spaying and neutering program. Currently, if the referral service does not operate a holding facility, the pet adopted therefrom does not qualify for low cost spaying or neutering. This bill, by promoting the spaying and neutering of more animals, would help to reduce the huge number of unwanted pets that must be destroyed every year.