

HB4590



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/31/2024, by Rep. Harry Benton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 605/3.3

Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Provides that an animal shelter or animal control facility may (rather than shall) waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person adopting the dog or cat is a veteran and meets specified criteria.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing
5 Section 3.3 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 605/3.3)

7 Sec. 3.3. Adoption of dogs and cats.

8 (a) An animal shelter or animal control facility shall not
9 adopt out any dog or adopt out or return to field any cat
10 unless it has been sterilized and microchipped. However, an
11 animal shelter or animal control facility may adopt out a dog
12 or cat that has not been sterilized and microchipped if the
13 adopting owner has executed a written agreement to have
14 sterilizing and microchipping procedures performed within 14
15 days after a licensed veterinarian certifies the dog or cat is
16 healthy enough for sterilizing and microchipping procedures
17 and a licensed veterinarian has certified that the dog or cat
18 is too sick or injured to be sterilized or it would be
19 detrimental to the health of the dog or cat to be sterilized or
20 microchipped at the time of the adoption.

21 (b) An animal shelter or animal control facility may adopt
22 out any dog or cat that is not free of disease, injury, or
23 abnormality if the disease, injury, or abnormality is

1 disclosed in writing to the adopter, and the animal shelter or
2 animal control facility allows the adopter to return the
3 animal to the animal shelter or animal control facility.

4 (c) The requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this
5 Section do not apply to adoptions subject to Section 11 of the
6 Animal Control Act.

7 (d) An animal shelter or animal control facility may ~~shall~~
8 waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person adopting
9 the dog or cat:

10 (1) presents to the animal shelter or animal control
11 facility a current and valid Illinois driver's license
12 with the word "veteran" printed on its face, a current and
13 valid Illinois Identification Card with the word "veteran"
14 printed on its face, or an identification card issued
15 under the federal Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015
16 and a valid Illinois driver's license or valid Illinois
17 Identification Card; and

18 (2) complies with the adoption policies of the animal
19 shelter or animal control facility.

20 (e) An animal shelter or animal control facility may limit
21 the number of dogs or cats adopted from that animal shelter or
22 animal control facility pursuant to this Section to one dog or
23 cat each in a 2-year period.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 103-434, eff. 1-1-24.)