



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5386

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF DOGS, CATS
AND RABBITS AT PET SHOPS THAT ARE NOT FROM ANIMAL
WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Agriculture
2 shall review and assess the state of California's implementation of the
3 requirement that pet shops in said state only offer dogs, cats or rabbits
4 for sale if such animals are obtained from a municipal animal shelter or
5 animal rescue organization. Such review shall include, but not be
6 limited to, an identification of any problems experienced by regulatory
7 agencies in said state in implementing and enforcing such
8 requirement, an assessment of the business impact on such pet shops,
9 the satisfaction of customers of such pet shops with the animals
10 purchased pursuant to such requirement and any regulations
11 established for such shelters or organizations as a result of or relevant
12 to such requirement. Not later than January 1, 2020, the commissioner
13 shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
14 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
15 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on such
16 review and assessment and shall include any recommendation for the
17 implementation of such requirement in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*