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LEGISLATIVE BILL 359

Introduced by Johnson, 23.

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Committee: Agriculture

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to dogs; to amend section 54-603, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a fee relating to licensure
- 3 as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 54-603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 54-603 (1) Any county, city, or village shall have authority by
4 ordinance or resolution to impose a license tax, in an amount which shall
5 be determined by the appropriate governing body, on the owner or harborer
6 of any dog or dogs, to be paid under such regulations as shall be
7 provided by such ordinance or resolutions.

8 (2) Every service animal shall be licensed as required by local
9 ordinances or resolutions, but no license tax shall be charged. Upon the
10 retirement or discontinuance of the animal as a service animal, the owner
11 of the animal shall be liable for the payment of a license tax as
12 prescribed by local ordinances or resolutions.

13 (3) Any county, city, or village that imposes a license tax on the
14 owner or harborer of any cat or cats or any dog or dogs under this
15 section shall, in addition to the license tax imposed by the licensing
16 jurisdiction, collect from the licensee a fee of one dollar and twenty-
17 five cents. The person designated by the licensing jurisdiction to
18 collect and administer the license tax shall act as agent for the State
19 of Nebraska in the collection of the fee. From each ~~one-dollar~~ fee of one
20 dollar and twenty-five cents collected, such person shall retain three
21 cents and remit the balance to the State Treasurer for credit to the
22 Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Program Cash Fund. If the
23 person collecting the fee is the licensing jurisdiction, the three cents
24 shall be credited to the licensing jurisdiction's general fund. If the
25 person collecting the fee is a private contractor, the three cents shall
26 be credited to an account of the private contractor. The remittance to
27 the State Treasurer shall be made at least annually at the conclusion of
28 the licensing jurisdiction's fiscal year, except that any licensing
29 jurisdiction or private contractor that collects fifty dollars or less of
30 such fees during the fiscal year may remit the fees when the cumulative
31 amount of fees collected reaches fifty dollars.

1 Sec. 2. Original section 54-603, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is repealed.