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LEGISLATIVE BILL 893

Introduced by: [TBD]
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Committee: General Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to the Dog and Cat Purchase Protection Act; to define a term; to change provisions relating to written disclosure statements by sellers; to provide for restrictions and duties on pet shop owners as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) A pet shop owner shall not sell a pet animal in a pet shop unless such animal was obtained from an animal control facility, animal shelter or animal rescue as such terms are defined in section 54-626.

(2) In addition to the records retention requirements under section 54-646, each pet shop shall maintain records sufficient to document the source of each pet animal for the duration of each animal's housing at the pet shop and for at least one year after the date of sale to a purchaser. Such records shall be available for inspection by the state Department of Agriculture.

(3) Each pet store shall post, in a conspicuous location on the cage or enclosure of each pet animal, a sign listing the name of the animal control facility, animal shelter or animal rescue from which the animal was obtained.

Sec. 2. Original section 54-644, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 54-645 and 54-646, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, are repealed.

Statement of Intent

LB893 would ban the sale of non-rescue cats and dogs in retail pet stores.

Fiscal Note

	FY2018-19		FY2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

LB893 would amend the Dog and Cat Purchase Protection Act to place new requirements upon pet shops. Pet shop owners would be prohibited from selling a pet animal unless the animal was obtained from an animal control facility, animal shelter, or animal rescue.

Pet shops would be required to keep records and provide information regarding each animal's source facility, and to keep records regarding the animals for at least one year after the date of sale. Records would be available for inspection by the state Department of Agriculture.

There is no basis to disagree with the department that there would be a minimal fiscal impact to the agency to carry out the provisions of LB 893.