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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the protection of
2 the environment requires a prohibition on the uncontrolled
3 propagation of unsterilized feral cats, which may carry disease
4 and emit obnoxious odors and pollutants from cat feces. Pet
5 cats may become feral when they escape from their owners or are
6 otherwise set loose by their owners. Feral cats may form
7 colonies and procreate to the extent of presenting an
8 environmental problem as well as a humane issue.

9 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the retail sale of
10 unsterilized cats.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 143, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§143- Unsterilized cats; sales prohibited. (a) The
15 sale by any pet retailer of an unsterilized cat in this State
16 shall be prohibited. If a retailer of pets gives an
17 unsterilized cat to a purchaser of pet supplies or equipment



1 from that retailer, free of charge, that act shall be considered
2 a sale of an unsterilized cat for purposes of this subsection.

3 (b) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Retailer of pets" means any person, partnership firm,
5 or corporation that sells pet animals to customers
6 through a store operation; and

7 (2) "Unsterilized cat" means a female cat that has not
8 been spayed or a male cat that has not been neutered.

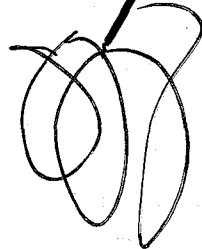
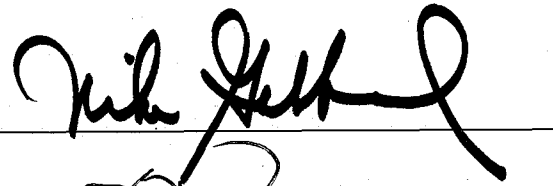
9 (c) Notwithstanding section 143-19, any person violating
10 this section shall be subject to a special penalty of a fine of
11 \$1,000 per violation."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Unsterilized Cats; Environment

Description:

Prohibits pet retailers from selling unsterilized cats.

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