AN ACT
RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE

Introduced By: Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio
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Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 4-19 of the General Laws entitled "Animal Care" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

4-19-23. Pets for veterans.

(a) A public animal shelter shall not charge an adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person adopting the dog or cat presents to the public animal shelter a current and valid driver’s license or identification card with the word "veteran" printed on its face pursuant to § 31-10-48.

(b) A public animal shelter may limit the number of dogs or cats adopted from that public animal shelter pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to one dog or cat during a period of every six (6) months.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would waive the adoption fee to adopt a dog or cat from a public animal shelter for a veteran that presents a current and valid driver’s license or identification card with the word “veteran” printed on its face.

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