

HB 2915 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Judiciary**Action Date:** 05/15/23**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)**Vote:** 3-0-0-2**Yeas:** 3 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski**Abs:** 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact**Prepared By:** Patricia Pascone, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 4/20, 5/15**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits a retail pet store from selling a dog or cat, if the store did not sell them before the effective date, or the store changes ownership or sells them at a different location after the effective date. Ends exception for grandfathered stores on September 1, 2028; no retail pet store may sell dogs or cats after that date. Defines retail pet store; excludes animal rescue entities and persons who breed or raise dogs or cats from definition. Allows a retail pet store to display animals offered for adoption by animal rescue entities under certain conditions. Authorizes district attorneys to bring actions to recover civil penalties of up to \$500 per violation. Permits local governments to enact more stringent requirements. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Six Oregon stores sell dogs and cats
- Puppy mills are banned in Oregon; no ban on selling animals from out of state
- A breeder cannot have more than 50 breeding animals in Oregon
- Illnesses related to inbreeding and repeat breeding
- Promoting adoption from shelters
- Leasing of pets
- Sick or injured pets that are surrendered to shelters
- Consider phase-out for legacy stores

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Ends prohibition exception on September 1, 2028, for retail pet stores that sold cats or dogs before the effective date of the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Six states have prohibited the sale of dogs and cats in retail pet stores, including California (2019), Illinois (2022), Maine (2020), Maryland (2020), New York (2023), and Washington (2021). Washington and Maine applied the prohibition to new stores only. Over 400 localities in approximately 34 states have also imposed restrictions, including Beaverton, Bend and Scappoose in Oregon.

House Bill 2915 B prohibits the sale of dogs and cats for profit in retail pet stores, except for stores that sold them before the effective date, and which are not under new ownership or selling dogs or cats from a new location; ends exception on September 1, 2028.