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SYNOPSIS

Permits municipalities to contract with animal and humane societies which engage in animal foster care.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning municipal contracts with humane societies and
2 amending P.L.1977, c.88.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1977, c.88 (C.40:48-5.1) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. Whenever in any municipality there shall not be established
10 under municipal authority a public pound for the keeping of stray
11 dogs, cats or other domestic pets, and there shall exist in the county
12 wherein such municipality is situated or in any adjoining county, a
13 pound maintained by any humane society or other similar
14 association, not organized for pecuniary profit, which shall have
15 continuously maintained said pound for at least **[1]** one year, or an
16 animal foster care service maintained by any humane society or
17 other similar association, not organized for pecuniary profit, for
18 which members or volunteers provide temporary shelter and care
19 for animals in their homes pending their permanent adoption or
20 admission to a pound, which shall have continuously engaged in
21 animal foster care for at least one year, such municipality shall
22 enter into negotiations and may contract with **[such]** one or more
23 **[society]** societies or **[association]** associations for any period not
24 exceeding **[5]** five years, for collecting, keeping for redemption
25 and destroying all such stray animals found within the municipal
26 limits.

27 Any provision of any law requiring advertisement for bids before
28 the letting of any contract involving the expenditure of money shall
29 not be applicable to the making of any such contract with such
30 society or association.

31 (cf: P.L.1977, c.88, s.1)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill would permit a municipality which has not established a
39 public pound for the keeping of stray dogs, cats, or other domestic
40 pets to contract with an animal foster care service for collecting,
41 keeping for redemption, and destroying stray animals found within
42 the municipality. Under the bill, such service must be maintained
43 by a humane society or other similar association, the members or
44 volunteers of which provide temporary shelter and care for animals
45 pending their permanent adoption or admission to a pound. The bill

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 would require that the society or association not be organized for
2 pecuniary profit and that it have continuously engaged in animal
3 foster care for at least one year.

4 Currently, municipalities may only contract for such services
5 with a pound maintained by a humane society or other similar
6 association that is not organized for pecuniary profit and that has
7 continuously maintained the pound for at least one year. The bill
8 permits municipalities to contract with either a pound or a pet foster
9 care organization, or both organizations simultaneously.