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HOUSE BILL ***1261-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT increasing the fee charged for delivery of notice of civil forfeiture of an unlicensed dog.

SPONSORS: Rep. Coffey, Hills 25

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill increases the fee charged for delivery of notice of civil forfeiture of an unlicensed dog.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 178:1 Fee; Civil Forfeiture. Amend RSA 466:14 to read as follows:

2 466:14 Warrants; Proceedings. The town or city clerk shall annually, between June 1 and
3 June 20, present to the local governing body a list of those owners of dogs that have failed to license
4 or not renewed their dog licenses pursuant to RSA 466:1. The local governing body shall, within 20
5 days from June 20, issue a warrant to a local official authorized to issue a civil forfeiture for each
6 unlicensed dog. The warrant may also authorize a local law enforcement officer to seize any
7 unlicensed dog. The civil forfeiture may be sent by certified mail, or delivered in hand, or left at the
8 abode of the dog owner. The cost of service shall not exceed [~~\$5~~] \$7 and may be recovered by the city
9 or town in addition to the amount of the civil forfeiture. If the unlicensed dog is seized, it shall be
10 held in a town or city holding facility for a period of 7 days, after which time full title to the dog shall
11 pass to the facility, unless the owner of the dog has, before the expiration of the period, caused the
12 dog to be licensed. The owner shall pay the facility a necessary and reasonable sum per day, as
13 agreed upon by the governing body of the town or city and the facility, for each day the dog has been
14 kept and maintained by the facility, plus any necessary veterinary fees incurred by the facility for
15 the benefit of the dog. Before a local law enforcement officer seizes any unlicensed dog, a written
16 warning shall be given to the dog owner.

17 178:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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19 Approved: July 11, 2014

20 Effective Date: July 1, 2014