

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 576

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2731 and 2778 and to repeal R.S. 3:2733 through 2737,
3 relative to the regulation by local authorities of dogs; to provide for the adoption of
4 ordinances; to provide for the imposition of fees and fines; to provide for the
5 disposition of proceeds; to repeal the requirement that license fees be credited to
6 parish school funds; to repeal certain provisions related to home rule charter
7 governments; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 3:2731 and 2778 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §2731. Parishes and municipalities may regulate

12 The governing bodies of all parishes and municipalities may ~~levy and collect~~
13 ~~annual per capita license taxes on all dogs, enact ordinances for the regulation of~~
14 ~~dogs running at large, and maintain pounds for the impounding of dogs. adopt~~
15 ~~ordinances regulating dogs running at large; regulating or prohibiting vicious or~~
16 ~~dangerous dogs; or to limit the enforcement of said ordinances or the imposition of~~
17 ~~fees and fines thereunder. In addition, such ordinances may provide for the~~
18 ~~utilization of the proceeds of dog and cat license fees and fines for the operation of~~
19 ~~its animal control program or for the effective enforcement of its animal control~~
20 ~~ordinances.~~

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22 §2778. ~~Home rule charter governments~~ Municipal and parish governing authorities

23 Nothing contained in this Part shall be construed to prevent or otherwise limit
24 the governing authority of a municipality or parish ~~operating under a home rule~~

1 ~~charter with a population greater than four hundred twenty-five thousand according~~
2 ~~to the latest federal decennial census from setting fees and fines in amounts sufficient~~
3 ~~for the operation of its animal control program or for the effective enforcement of~~
4 ~~its animal control ordinances; however, in no event shall such fees or fines be less~~
5 ~~than those imposed under this Part.~~ however, in the absence of the adoption of such
6 ordinances, the parish or local governing authority shall rely on the provisions of
7 R.S. 3:2773.

8 Section 2. R.S. 3:2733 through 2737 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____