

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**House Bill No. 231 By Representative Ligi**

May 30, 2012

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 231 by Representative Ligi, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Peacock and adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2012 be rejected.
2. That the reengrossed bill be amended as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, after "for sale" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 9 through 12 in their entirety and insert the following:

"or sell any dog or cat on any highway, right-of-way, flea market, public park, public playground, public swimming pool, any other public recreational area, or adjacent property to such locations regardless of whether or not access to those locations is authorized, or on any commercial or retail parking lot unless permission is granted by the owner of the parking lot."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Anthony V. Ligi

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Senator Barrow Peacock

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Representative Nick Lorusso

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Senator David Heitmeier

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Representative Joseph P. Lopinto

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Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

CRIME/MISDEMEANOR: Prohibits the sale of dogs and cats at certain public locations

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Removed the "exchange" or "offer to exchange" dogs or cats as elements of the crime.
2. Removed the sale of dogs or cats at flea markets or on commercial or retail parking lots as elements of the crime.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Remove provisions regarding the exchange or offering for exchange of dogs or cats.
2. Added provision exempting commercial or retail parking lots if permission to sell dogs or cats is granted by the owner of the parking lot.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to offer for sale or sell any dog or cat on any highway, right-of-way, flea market, public park, public playground, public swimming pool, any other public recreational area, or adjacent property to such locations regardless of whether or not access to those locations is authorized, or on any commercial or retail parking lot unless permission is granted by the owner of the parking lot.

Proposed law creates exceptions for animal adoption days sponsored by animal welfare groups, sales occurring entirely on private property, sales at competitive cat or dog shows, and raffles for a dog or cat at certain fundraising events. Proposed law shall not apply to a retail pet store or licensed breeder.

Proposed law provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$250 for a first violation and not more than \$1,000 for second or subsequent violations.

(Adds R.S. 14:102.27)