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Senate Bill 574 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Steven Bieda
Committee: Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 287 of 1969, which regulates the adoption of dogs and cats from pet shops, animal control shelters, and animal protection shelters, to do the following:

- Declare a dog or cat to be unfit for sale if, within 10 days after a purchaser received the dog or cat, a veterinarian provided a written diagnosis after examining the animal that the animal had symptoms of a contagious or infectious disease or illness that existed at the time the purchaser received the animal.
- Declare a dog or cat to be unfit for sale if, within 90 days after a purchaser received the dog or cat, a veterinarian provided a written diagnosis after examining the animal that the animal died or was ill due to a hereditary or congenital defect.
- Require the seller of a dog or cat deemed to be unfit for sale to refund the purchase price, exchange the animal for another of equal value, and/or reimburse the purchaser for veterinary fees.
- Require a pet shop or pet dealer to give potential purchasers information about the breeder and broker of a dog or cat, the date of the animal's birth, the date the pet shop or dealer received the animal, the breed and identifying marks of the dog or cat, the identity of a purebred dog's or cat's parents, and health information about the animal.

The bill would apply to a pet shop that sells dogs or cats; a pet dealer; a breeder; a person who engages in the sale of dogs or cats to the public for profit; and a person who sells more than one litter of dogs or cats under six months of age or two dogs or cats over six months of age, per year. The bill would not apply to an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.

"Pet dealer" would mean a person who buys or sells dogs or cats for compensation, but would not include an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter. "Breeder" would mean a person who breeds or raises dogs or cats for sale to the public, but would not include an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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