

HB 539 -- Spaying and Neutering of Dogs and Cats

Sponsor: Low (39)

This bill requires that any person adopting a dog or cat pay the releasing agency a conditionally refundable fee of \$50 or less. Upon verification that the adopted animal has been spayed or neutered, has died, or has been returned to the agency, the fee will be refunded. Unclaimed fees are to be used solely to:

- (1) Educate the public on the necessity of spaying or neutering pets;
- (2) Fund the agency's spaying or neutering program; and
- (3) Defray the costs associated with the agency's compliance with spaying or neutering program requirements.

Adoption, refund, and notification requirements are specified in the bill.