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1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to animal control or cruelty ordinances;  
 3           amending s. 828.27, F.S.; requiring a county or  
 4           municipality enacting an ordinance relating to animal  
 5           control or cruelty to impose a specified surcharge on the  
 6           civil penalty for violations of the ordinance; specifying  
 7           use of the proceeds of the surcharge; providing  
 8           construction; providing an effective date.

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 10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
 13   828.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           828.27 Local animal control or cruelty ordinances;  
 15   penalty.—

16           (4)

17           (b) The governing body of a county or municipality  
 18   ~~enacting an ordinance relating to animal control or cruelty~~  
 19   ~~shall may~~ impose and collect a surcharge of \$15 ~~up to \$5~~ upon  
 20   each civil penalty imposed for each violation of the an  
 21   ~~ordinance relating to animal control or cruelty.~~ One dollar of  
 22   the surcharge may be retained by the clerk of the court, \$5 of  
 23   the surcharge ~~proceeds from such surcharges~~ shall be used to pay  
 24   the costs of training for animal control officers, and the  
 25   remainder of the surcharge shall be used to subsidize the costs  
 26   of spaying or neutering of dogs and cats whose owners  
 27   voluntarily submit their animals for sterilization. Owners of  
 28   such animals may not be charged more for the spaying or

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29 neutering than the cost of sterilization less the subsidy paid  
30 from the surcharge. This paragraph does not require the  
31 governing body of a county or municipality to enact such an  
32 ordinance.

33       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.