

By Senator Rich

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

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
14 828.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

17 (4)

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

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

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