

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, 2011.