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

19 enacting an ordinance relating to animal control or cruelty

20 shall ~~may~~ impose and collect a surcharge of $15 ~~up to $5~~ upon

21 each civil penalty imposed for each violation of the ~~an~~

22 ordinance ~~relating to animal control or cruelty~~. One dollar of

23 the surcharge may be retained by the clerk of the court, $5 of

24 the surcharge ~~proceeds from such surcharges~~ shall be used to pay

25 the costs of training for animal control officers, and the

26 remainder of the surcharge shall be used to subsidize the costs

27 of spaying or neutering dogs and cats whose owners voluntarily

28 submit their animals for sterilization. Owners of such animals

29 | may not be charged more for the spaying or neutering than the
30 | cost of sterilization less the subsidy paid from the surcharge.
31 | This paragraph does not require the governing body of a county
32 | or municipality to enact such an ordinance.
33 | Section 2.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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