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SYNOPSIS

Permits municipalities to contract with animal and humane societies which engage in animal foster care.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning municipal contracts with humane societies and
2 amending R.S.40:48-5.1.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.40:48-5.1 is amended to read as follows:

8 40:48-5.1. Whenever in any municipality there shall not be
9 established under municipal authority a public pound for the
10 keeping of stray dogs, cats or other domestic pets, and there shall
11 exist in the county wherein such municipality is situated or in any
12 adjoining county, a pound maintained by any humane society or
13 other similar association, not organized for pecuniary profit, which
14 shall have continuously maintained said pound for at least **[1]** one
15 year, or an animal foster care service maintained by any humane
16 society or other similar association, not organized for pecuniary
17 profit, for which members or volunteers provide temporary shelter
18 and care for animals in their homes pending their permanent
19 adoption or admission to a pound, which shall have continuously
20 engaged in animal foster care for at least one year, such
21 municipality shall enter into negotiations and may contract with
22 **[such]** one or more **[society]** societies or **[association]**
23 associations for any period not exceeding **[5]** five years, for
24 collecting, keeping for redemption and destroying all such stray
25 animals found within the municipal limits.

26 Any provision of any law requiring advertisement for bids before
27 the letting of any contract involving the expenditure of money shall
28 not be applicable to the making of any such contract with such
29 society or association.

30 (cf: P.L.1977, c.88, s.1)

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill would permit a municipality which has not established a
38 public pound for the keeping of stray dogs, cats, or other domestic
39 pets to contract with an animal foster care service for collecting,
40 keeping for redemption, and destroying stray animals found within
41 the municipality. Under the bill, such service must be maintained
42 by a humane society or other similar association, the members or
43 volunteers of which provide temporary shelter and care for animals
44 pending their permanent adoption or admission to a pound. The bill
45 would require that the society or association not be organized for

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 pecuniary profit and that it have continuously engaged in animal
2 foster care for at least one year.

3 Currently, municipalities may only contract for such services
4 with a pound maintained by a humane society or other similar
5 association that is not organized for pecuniary profit and that has
6 continuously maintained the pound for at least one year. The bill
7 permits municipalities to contract with either a pound or a pet foster
8 care organization, or both organizations simultaneously.