

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute for HB1581 prohibits pet stores from selling dogs and cats. The measure imposes a \$500 penalty for each violation. Pet stores may display dogs and cats from a rescue organization or animal shelter if certain requirements are met.

The measure also authorizes:

- The Attorney General to file an action in court to recover any costs due to violations.
- Municipalities to adopt an ordinance providing for investigatory authority and penalties.
- Municipalities to adopt ordinances prohibiting the breeding of dogs and cats

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 1581 in its current measure restricts the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores unless part of a rescue organization. It grants the municipalities the ability to enforce the measures. As municipalities can opt into the enforcement mechanisms there should be little to no impact on them. The fines included would be to help off-set costs, not to raise revenue. Given this, there should be no fiscal impact to the State.

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**Other Considerations**

None.