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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2500

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2500 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing
5 Section 3.3 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 605/3.3)

7 Sec. 3.3. Adoption of dogs and cats.

8 (a) An animal shelter or animal control facility shall not
9 adopt out any dog or adopt out or return to field any cat
10 unless it has been sterilized and microchipped. However, an
11 animal shelter or animal control facility may adopt out a dog
12 or cat that has not been sterilized and microchipped if the
13 adopting owner has executed a written agreement to have
14 sterilizing and microchipping procedures performed within 14
15 days after a licensed veterinarian certifies the dog or cat is
16 healthy enough for sterilizing and microchipping procedures

1 and a licensed veterinarian has certified that the dog or cat
2 is too sick or injured to be sterilized or it would be
3 detrimental to the health of the dog or cat to be sterilized or
4 microchipped at the time of the adoption.

5 (b) An animal shelter or animal control facility may adopt
6 out any dog or cat that is not free of disease, injury, or
7 abnormality if the disease, injury, or abnormality is
8 disclosed in writing to the adopter, and the animal shelter or
9 animal control facility allows the adopter to return the
10 animal to the animal shelter or animal control facility.

11 (c) The requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this
12 Section do not apply to adoptions subject to Section 11 of the
13 Animal Control Act.

14 (d) An animal shelter or animal control facility shall
15 waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person adopting
16 the dog or cat presents to the animal shelter or animal control
17 facility: (i) a current and valid driver's license, Illinois
18 Identification Card, or Illinois Person with a Disability
19 Identification Card with the word "veteran" printed on its
20 face; and (ii) presents a certified copy of the person's DD
21 Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active
22 Duty), provided that the person complies with the adoption
23 policies of the animal shelter or animal control facility.

24 (e) An animal shelter or animal control facility may limit
25 the number of dogs or cats adopted from that animal shelter or
26 animal control facility pursuant to this Section to one dog or

1 cat each in a 2-year period.

2 (Source: P.A. 101-295, eff. 8-9-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)".