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HOUSE BILL No. 2527



Introduced by: **HON. CARL NICOLAS C. CARI**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proliferation of stray animals, particularly dogs and cats, poses significant public health and safety concerns nationwide. Stray animals are potential carriers of rabies and other zoonotic diseases, and they may also cause traffic accidents, property damage, and in some cases, personal injury. Moreover, these animals are vulnerable to neglect, abuse, and inhumane treatment.

Local government units have made varying efforts to address the issue of stray animals; however, the lack of a uniform, sustainable, and humane program has hindered the development of long-term solutions. Cebu City's Ordinance No. 2526, known as the Compulsory Neutering, Vaccination, and Registration (CNVR) of Stray Animals Ordinance, provides a progressive model by requiring neutering, vaccination, and registration of stray animals prior to adoption, rehoming, or release. This model has successfully reduced stray animal populations and promoted responsible pet ownership in its jurisdiction.

This proposed measure seeks to institutionalize, at the national level, a similar framework to control the stray animal population in a humane and scientifically sound manner. Through compulsory neutering, vaccination, and registration, the State can help prevent the spread of deadly diseases such as rabies, protect communities from the dangers posed by uncontrolled stray animals, and uphold animal welfare standards as mandated by existing laws, including the Animal Welfare Act (Republic Act No. 8485, as amended).

The bill further provides funding and mandates inter-agency collaboration among the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and local government units, to ensure effective and coordinated implementation nationwide.

The passage of this measure is earnestly sought in order to safeguard public health, uphold animal welfare, and foster a culture of responsible pet ownership throughout the country.

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**AN ACT MANDATING THE COMPULSORY VACCINATION,
STERILIZATION, AND REGISTRATION OF STRAY ANIMALS, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Stray Animal Control and Welfare Act of 2025.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect public health and safety, promote responsible pet ownership, and prevent animal cruelty. Towards this end, the State shall adopt measures for the humane control of stray animals through neutering, vaccination, and proper registration.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

- (a) Stray animal refers to any domesticated animal, particularly dogs and cats, found wandering in public or private places without identification or unaccompanied by its owner.
- (b) Neutering means the surgical procedure for sterilizing animals, whether spaying or castration.
- (c) Vaccination refers to the administration of anti-rabies or other legally required vaccines.
- (d) Registration refers to the process of recording an animal with the local government unit (LGU), including tagging or microchipping.

SECTION 4. *Compulsory Sterilization, Vaccination, and Registration.* – All stray animals retrieved or impounded by any LGU or its deputized animal control unit shall undergo neutering, vaccination against rabies and other diseases as required by the Bureau of Animal Industry, and proper registration before being released, adopted, or rehomed.



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SECTION 5. *Prohibition on Release of Non-Compliant Animals.* – No stray animal shall be released, adopted, or rehomed without compliance with the neutering, vaccination, and registration requirements under this Act.

SECTION 6. *Implementation Mechanism.* –

- (a) Each LGU shall establish or maintain an Animal Control and Welfare Program in coordination with the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Department of Health.
- (b) The LGU may partner with accredited veterinary clinics, animal welfare organizations, and other stakeholders to implement this program.

SECTION 7. *Public Awareness Campaign.* – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and animal welfare organizations, shall conduct information campaigns on responsible pet ownership and the benefits of neutering and vaccination.

SECTION 8. *Funding.* – An initial appropriation of One Hundred Million Pesos (₱100,000,000) is hereby allocated to implement this Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. *Penalties.* – Any person who deliberately interferes with the capture, neutering, vaccination, or registration of stray animals under this Act shall be penalized with a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000) nor more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱50,000), or imprisonment of not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the DILG, shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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