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Assembly Bill 1983

Income taxes: Voluntary contributions: Dog and Cat Euthanasia Prevention Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.

As Introduced 1/30/2024

Summary

This bill will reinstate the Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund under a new name, The Pet Euthanasia Prevention Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.

Background

Cities and counties invest approximately \$400,000,000 annually to operate our state's animal shelters, with much of these dollars coming from the state's general fund, yet there is little to no investment in preventing pet overpopulation through spay/neutering programs.

Veterinary care is increasingly expensive and inaccessible in California. Inequitable access to veterinary care is a threat to companion animal welfare and leading to less spay and neuter surgeries, thus leading to pet overpopulation and animal shelters and rescues being overwhelmed with animals.

This Bill

This bill will reinstate a critical funding source for low-cost spay and neuter programs around the state to help alleviate the pet overpopulation crisis. The bill will also streamline administration of the Funds to combine with the administration of the Pet Lover's License Plate Fund to reduce the administrative burden of the CDFA.

Support

Social Compassion in Legislation (Sponsor)

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