

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1107 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY, FERLO, TEPLITZ, PILEGGI, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, BLAKE, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN AND SOLOBAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

SENATOR VOGEL, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act relating to dogs, regulating
3 the keeping of dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs and
4 kennels; providing for the protection of dogs and the
5 detention and destruction of dogs in certain cases;
6 regulating the sale and transportation of dogs; declaring
7 dogs to be personal property and the subject of theft;
8 providing for the abandonment of animals; providing for the
9 assessment of damages done to animals; providing for payment
10 of damages by the Commonwealth in certain cases and the
11 liability of the owner or keeper of dogs for such damages;
12 imposing powers and duties on certain State and local
13 officers and employees; providing penalties; and creating a
14 Dog Law Restricted Account," further providing for
15 definitions and for revocation or refusal of kennel licenses.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of December 7, 1982
19 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, is amended by adding a
20 definition to read:

21 Section 102. Definitions.

22 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
23 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the

1 meanings given to them in this section:

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3 "Immediate family." Includes a spouse, child, parent,
4 brother, sister, grandparent and grandchild and a spouse
5 thereof, a domestic partner and any other individual related by
6 blood or affinity whose close association with the licensee is
7 the equivalent of a family relationship.

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9 Section 2. Section 211(a) introductory paragraph, amended
10 October 9, 2008 (P.L.1450, No.119), is amended to read:

11 Section 211. Revocation or refusal of kennel licenses.

12 (a) General powers of secretary.--The secretary shall revoke
13 a kennel license, dealer license or out-of-state dealer license
14 if a licensee is convicted of a violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5511
15 (relating to cruelty to animals) or of substantially similar
16 conduct pursuant to a cruelty law of another state. The
17 secretary shall not issue a kennel license, dealer license or
18 out-of-state dealer license to a person that has been convicted
19 of a violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5511 within the last ten years
20 nor to a person who is a member of the immediate family of the
21 convicted licensee nor to any person who resides at the same <--
22 address WHO SEEKS TO OPERATE A KENNEL AT THE SAME LOCATION as <--
23 the convicted licensee. The secretary may revoke or refuse to
24 issue a kennel license, dealer license or out-of-state dealer
25 license for any one or more of the following reasons:

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27 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.