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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," further providing for
21 parks.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 1906-A of the act of April 9, 1929
25 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
26 amended by adding a clause to read:

27 Section 1906-A. Parks.--The Department of Environmental

1 Resources shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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3 (12) To designate overnight areas for pets within State
4 parks:

5 (a) The following acts are prohibited by pet owners using
6 park facilities:

7 (i) Possessing a pet in a public building, public
8 transportation vehicle, swimming beach or any structure or area
9 closed to the possession of pets by the department. This
10 subclause shall not apply to guide dogs accompanying persons
11 having visual impairment or hearing ear dogs accompanying
12 persons having hearing impairment.

13 (ii) Failing to crate, cage, restrain on a leash, which
14 shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically
15 confine a pet at all times.

16 (iii) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object, except
17 in designated areas or under conditions established by the
18 department.

19 (iv) Allowing a pet to make noise that is unreasonable
20 considering location, time of day or night, impact on park users
21 and other relevant factors, or that frightens wildlife by
22 barking, howling or making other noise.

23 (v) Failing to comply with pet excrement disposal conditions
24 established by the department.

25 (b) In park areas where hunting is allowed, dogs may be used
26 in support of hunting activities in accordance with applicable
27 Federal and State laws and in accordance with conditions
28 established by the department.

29 (c) Pets or feral animals that are running at large and
30 observed by an authorized person in the act of killing, injuring

1 or molesting humans, livestock or wildlife may be destroyed if
2 necessary for public safety or protection of wildlife, livestock
3 or other park resources.

4 (d) Subclauses (a) through (c) do not apply to dogs used by
5 authorized Federal, State and local law enforcement officers in
6 the performance of their official duties.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.