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DRUCE AND TIGUE, JANUARY 31, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JANUARY 31, 1995

AN ACT

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

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

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

19 Section 906. Reports to the General Assembly.

20 (a) Annual report.--On or before March 1 of each year, the
21 Secretary of Agriculture shall provide a report to the

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate and the
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of
Representatives which shall describe all relevant activities of
the department for the preceding calendar year pursuant to this
act. The report shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

(1) The number of State dog wardens by county.

(2) The number of dog licenses issued by county.

(3) The number of kennel licenses issued in each kennel
class by county.

(4) The number of out-of-State kennel licenses issued by
the department.

(5) The total moneys collected from license fees, fines
and penalties.

(6) A summary of dog law enforcement activity by region,
which shall include the total number of kennel inspections
performed by kennel class; the number of dogs kept at each
inspected kennel; and the county of location.

(7) The number of kennel licenses, including out-of-
State kennel licenses, refused, revoked or suspended and the
reasons for such refusals, revocations and suspensions.

(8) The number of citations issued by county and the
disposition of each citation.

(9) The number of dogs seized and detained and the
disposition of such dogs.

(10) The total payments made by the department from the
Dog Law Restricted Account and the reasons for such payments.

(11) Recommendations to improve the administration and
enforcement of this act when applicable.

(c) Additional report.--On or before June 30, 1995, the
Secretary of Agriculture shall submit a report to the

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate and the
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of
Representatives which shall contain the following:

(1) A summary of the internal accounting controls
implemented to assure that no payroll expenditures other than
those related to the administration of this act are charged
to the Dog Law Restricted Account.

(2) A summary of the procedures implemented to monitor
the monthly activity reports of State dog wardens to assure
that such reports accurately reflect work which has been
performed and that there is appropriate supporting
documentation for the reports.

(3) A summary of the inspection of county or humane
organization dog control facilities which received State
money under the grant program established pursuant to section
1002 to assure that such facilities are in compliance with
all guidelines, conditions or applicable regulations of the
department regarding the usage of such money and with any
other requirements of the grant program.

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