

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2361 Session of
2002

INTRODUCED BY MYERS, YOUNGBLOOD, THOMAS, HORSEY, JAMES,
M. COHEN, WATERS, BISHOP, KIRKLAND, OLIVER, WASHINGTON AND
J. WILLIAMS, FEBRUARY 11, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
FEBRUARY 11, 2002

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 local
15 regulation of dogs.

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

18 Section 1. Section 507-A of the act of December 7, 1982
19 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, amended May 31, 1990
20 (P.L.213, No.46), is amended to read:

21 Section 507-A. Construction of article.

22 * * *

23 (c) Local ordinances.-- Those provisions of local ordinances

1 relating to dangerous dogs are hereby abrogated. A local
2 ordinance otherwise dealing with dogs may not prohibit or
3 otherwise limit a specific breed of dog. This subsection shall
4 not apply to cities of the first class.

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6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.