

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 356 Session of
2007

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GERGELY, SONNEY AND STURLA, FEBRUARY 9, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
FEBRUARY 9, 2007

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," providing for lifetime licenses
15 for service dogs.

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

18 Section 1. Section 201(b) of the act of December 7, 1982
19 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, is amended by adding a
20 paragraph to read:

21 Section 201. Applications for dog licenses; fees; penalties.

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2 (b) Lifetime license.--The owner of any dog three months of
3 age or older which has been permanently identified may apply to
4 the county treasurer of his respective county or an agent under
5 section 200(a), on a form prescribed by the department for a
6 lifetime license for such a dog. Except as otherwise provided in
7 this act, a dog which has been issued a lifetime license shall
8 be required to wear a license tag. The application and license
9 certificate shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings
10 of such dog, the type and number of permanent identification and
11 the name, address and telephone number of the owner. The
12 application shall be accompanied by the appropriate license fee
13 as follows:

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15 (5) People using service dogs may apply for a lifetime
16 license for a dog. Service dogs shall be exempt from wearing
17 a license tag. No fee shall be charged for the license. The
18 license for a service dog may be passed on to a successive
19 service dog after the death or other replacement of the
20 previous licensed dog. The department shall promulgate rules
21 and regulations and forms needed to implement this paragraph.

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23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.