
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1107 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY, FERLO, TEPLITZ, PILEGGI, VULAKOVICH AND
FARNESE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

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
24 meanings given to them in this section:

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

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

10 Section 211. Revocation or refusal of kennel licenses.

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

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