

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WASS, McHALE, CIVERA, FARGO, NOYE AND TRELLO,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
MAY 22, 1990

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," providing for the appointment of deputy State dog
15 wardens.

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

18 Section 1. The definition of "State dog warden" in section
19 102 of the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as
20 the Dog Law, is amended 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 "State dog warden." An employee of the department or a
3 deputy State dog warden appointed by the secretary whose primary
4 duty is to enforce this act and the regulations pursuant
5 thereto.

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7 Section 2. Section 901 of the act is amended by adding a
8 subsection to read:

9 Section 901. Enforcement of this act by the Secretary of
10 Agriculture; provisions for inspections.

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12 (a.1) Deputy State dog wardens.--

13 (1) The secretary may appoint deputy State dog wardens
14 as necessary. Except as otherwise provided, they shall
15 possess the rights and powers given by law to State dog
16 wardens and be subject to all requirements and regulations,
17 either of the law or of the department, controlling the
18 action of State dog wardens.

19 (2) Deputy State dog wardens shall not be entitled to
20 compensation for either time or expenses incurred in the
21 performance of their duties unless specifically employed for
22 special duties by written order of the secretary. The
23 Executive Board shall, from time to time, fix the rate of
24 compensation and allowable expenses for special duty
25 services.

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