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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
MARCH 15, 2001

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

1 paragraph to read:

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

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

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17 (5) People using service dogs may apply for a lifetime
18 license for a dog. Service dogs shall be exempt from wearing
19 a license tag or from paying any fee for the license. The
20 license for a service dog may be passed on to a successive
21 service dog after the death or other replacement of the
22 previous licensed dog. The department shall promulgate rules
23 and regulations and forms needed to implement this paragraph.

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25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.