

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2372 Session of
1984

INTRODUCED BY PISTELLA, JUNE 28, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JUNE 28, 1984

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," further providing for license fees for senior
15 citizens.

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

18 Section 1. Section 201 of the act of December 7, 1982
19 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, is amended to read:
20 Section 201. Applications for licenses; fees; county treasurers
21 as agents.

22 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), on
23 or before January 1 of each year, the owner of any dog, six

1 months of age or older, except as hereinafter provided, shall
2 apply to the county treasurer of his respective county or his
3 authorized agent, on a form prescribed by the department for a
4 license for such dog. The application and license certificate
5 shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings of such dog,
6 and the name, address and telephone number of the owner. The
7 application shall be accompanied by a license fee of \$2.50 for
8 each neutered male dog and for each spayed female dog for which
9 the certificate of a veterinarian or the affidavit of the owner
10 is produced, and by a license fee of \$4.50 for all other male
11 and female dogs. For Pennsylvania residents 65 years of age or
12 older, [the license fee shall be \$1.25 for each neutered male
13 dog and for each spayed female dog for which the certificate of
14 a veterinarian or the affidavit of the owner is produced, and
15 the license fee shall be \$2.25 for all other male or female
16 dogs] no license fee shall be charged but the service fee of 50¢
17 may be charged. When the license is issued by the county
18 treasurer, an additional service fee of 50¢ shall be paid by all
19 applicants regardless of age to the county treasurer for the use
20 of the county. The county treasurers of this Commonwealth shall
21 be agents of the Commonwealth for the collection of license
22 fees. All county treasurers shall pay all license fees collected
23 through the Department of Agriculture into the State Treasury
24 for credit to the Dog Law Restricted Account.

25 (b) Lifetime license.--The owner of any dog six months of
26 age or older which has been tattooed with identification numbers
27 may apply to the county treasurer of his respective county or
28 his authorized agent, on a form prescribed by the department for
29 a lifetime license for such a dog. The application and license
30 certificate shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings

1 of such a dog, the identifying tattoo number, and the name,
2 address and telephone number of the owner. The application shall
3 be accompanied by a license fee of \$10 for each neutered male
4 dog and for each spayed female dog for which the certificate of
5 a veterinarian or the affidavit of the owner is produced, and by
6 a license fee of \$20 for all other male and female dogs. For
7 Pennsylvania residents 65 years of age or older, the license fee
8 shall be [\$5] \$1 for each neutered male dog and for each spayed
9 female dog for which the certificate of a veterinarian or the
10 affidavit of the owner is produced, and [\$10] \$2 for all other
11 male and female dogs. When the license is issued by the county
12 treasurer, an additional service fee of 50¢ shall be paid by all
13 applicants regardless of age to the county treasurer for the use
14 of the county. The department shall promulgate regulations to
15 provide for the registration of lifetime tattoo identification
16 numbers with the department.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.