

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
AUGUST 18, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled
2 "An act relating to counties of the first, third, fourth,
3 fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising,
4 consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto;
5 relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties, including
6 authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the rental of
7 motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and providing
8 for regional renaissance initiatives," in special powers and
9 duties of counties, providing for county humane officers.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Article XIX of the act of August 9, 1955
13 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended by
14 adding a subdivision to read:

15 (z.3) Other Powers and Duties

16 Section 1999j. County Humane Officers.--The county
17 commissioners may employ a county humane officer who shall be
18 authorized to enforce dog control as defined in the act of
19 December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, and
20 animal cruelty laws of this Commonwealth as contained in 18

1 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 Subch. B (relating to cruelty to animals). In
2 order to be eligible for employment as a county humane officer,
3 an individual must meet the training requirements contained in
4 22 Pa.C.S. §§ 3712 (relating to training program) and 3713
5 (relating to continuing education program).

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