

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
APRIL 1, 2021

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 abandonment of animals; providing for the assessment of
9 damages done to animals; providing for payment of damages by
10 the Commonwealth in certain cases and the liability of the
11 owner 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," in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing
15 for service dogs and dogs used by municipal or State Police
16 departments.

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

19 Section 1. Section 217(a) of the act of December 7, 1982
20 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, is amended to read:

21 Section 217. Service dogs, detection dogs and dogs used by
22 municipal or State Police departments.

23 (a) Fee exemptions.--The provisions of this act relating to
24 the payment of fees and other charges shall not apply to any

1 person who uses a detection dog, former detection dog or service
2 dog for aid or any municipal or State Police department or
3 agency using a dog in the performance of the functions or duties
4 of such department or agency. License tags for detection dogs,
5 former detection dogs, service dogs and dogs used by any
6 municipal or State agency in the performance of the functions or
7 duties of such department or agency shall be issued without
8 charge.

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