

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 476 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, COLLETT,
COMITTA, COSTA, BOSCOLA AND HAYWOOD, MARCH 25, 2021

REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, MARCH 25, 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 miscellaneous provisions, establishing the
15 Pennsylvania Lost and Found Dog Registry.

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

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

20 Section 1202.1. Pennsylvania Lost and Found Dog Registry.

21 (a) Duty to establish.--Within one year of the effective
22 date of this section, the department shall establish and
23 administer a registry containing information on dogs that are
24 reported to the department by residents as lost dogs and found

1 dogs. The database shall be known as the Pennsylvania Lost and
2 Found Dog Registry.

3 (b) Submission of information.--An owner of a dog who has
4 lost the dog and a person who has found a lost dog in this
5 Commonwealth may report the event to the department in
6 accordance with procedures developed by the department. The
7 reporting shall be permitted through a 24-hour telephone number
8 to the department, a publicly accessible Internet website
9 operated by the department and a social media page operated by
10 the department.

11 (c) Access to registry.--The department shall continuously
12 compile information on lost dogs and found dogs that is reported
13 to the department under subsection (b) and shall make the
14 information on the registry available through the telephone
15 number, publicly accessible Internet website and a social media
16 page required under subsection (b) in order to enable owners of
17 lost dogs and found dogs to locate their dogs. The department
18 may not charge a fee for access to the registry.

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