

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 710

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ANIMALS/DOGS: Provides relative to certain commercial dog breeders

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2772(I) and to enact R.S. 3:2772(J), relative to dog breeders;  
3 to require certain commercial breeders to register annually with and provide certain  
4 information to the local parish clerk's office; to provide for a definition; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:2772(I) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:2772(J) is  
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2772. Dog, cat, and kennel licenses fee and certificate; records

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11 I.(1) Any professional, commercial dog breeder with ten or more breeding  
12 female dogs, who sells dogs retail, wholesale, or to the public, shall register annually  
13 with the local parish clerk's office and shall be required to provide the following  
14 information:

- 15 (a) The name of the commercial breeding kennel.
- 16 (b) The location of each kennel housing facility.
- 17 (c) The applicant's sales tax identification number.
- 18 (d) The name of each veterinarian licensed in Louisiana with whom the  
19 applicant contracts for veterinarian related services.
- 20 (e) An annual inspection of the owner's facility to ensure the owner is  
21 complying with state and local laws.

1           (2) Breeders of hunting dogs shall be exempt from the provisions of this  
 2           Section. For purposes of this Section, "hunting dog" shall mean a dog sold for the  
 3           express purpose of use in commonly accepted hunting activities. The term "hunting  
 4           dog" shall not apply to traditional hunting breeds of dogs if those dogs are sold as  
 5           household pets and not used for the purpose of commonly accepted hunting  
 6           activities.

7           J. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of  
 8           a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than five hundred  
 9           dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

#### DIGEST

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Carmody

**Abstract:** Requires professional, commercial breeders with 10 or more female dogs to register annually with and provide kennel's name and location, the applicant's tax identification number, contracted veterinarian's name, and an annual inspection to the local parish clerk's office.

Proposed law requires that any professional, commercial dog breeder with 10 or more breeding female dogs, who sells dogs retail, wholesale, or to the public, must register annually with the local parish clerk's office and is required to provide the following information:

- (1) The name of the commercial breeding kennel.
- (2) The location of each kennel housing facility.
- (3) The applicant's sales tax identification number.
- (4) The name of the veterinarians licensed in Louisiana with whom the applicant contracts for services.
- (5) An annual inspection of the owner's facility to ensure the owner is complying with state and local laws.

Proposed law exempts breeders of "hunting dogs" from the provisions of proposed law. Defines "hunting dog" as a dog sold for use in commonly accepted hunting activities and does not apply to traditional hunting breeds of dogs if those dogs are sold as household pets and not used for the purpose of commonly accepted hunting activities.

(Amends R.S. 3:2772(I); Adds R.S. 3:2772(J))