
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 132 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, HILL-EVANS, McNEILL, KEEFER, ZIMMERMAN
AND GLEIM, JANUARY 12, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JANUARY 12, 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," further providing for definitions.

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

17 Section 1. The definition of "boarding kennel" in section
18 102 of the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as
19 the Dog Law, is amended to read:

20 Section 102. Definitions.

21 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
22 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
23 meanings given to them in this section:

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2 "Boarding kennel." Any establishment available to the
3 general public where a dog or dogs are housed for compensation
4 by the day, week or a specified or unspecified time. The term
5 shall not include a kennel where the practice of veterinary
6 medicine is performed if the kennel is covered by the provisions
7 of the act of December 27, 1974 (P.L.995, No.326), known as the
8 "Veterinary Medicine Practice Act." The term shall include any
9 boarding facility operated by a licensed doctor of veterinary
10 medicine whether or not this facility is on the same premises as
11 a building or structure subject to the provisions of the
12 "Veterinary Medicine Practice Act." The term shall include any
13 establishment available to the general public that, for
14 consideration, takes control of a dog from the owner for a
15 portion of a day for the purposes of exercise, day care or
16 entertainment of the dog. For the purpose of this term, each
17 time a dog enters the kennel it shall be counted as one dog.
18 This term does not include an establishment engaged only in dog
19 grooming or dog training or a residence with five or fewer dogs
20 housed for compensation.

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