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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1465 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MASSER, MURT, MILLARD, WHEELAND, O'NEILL,  
D. COSTA, FARRY, COHEN AND W. KELLER, JULY 21, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
JULY 21, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act relating to dogs, regulating  
3 the keeping of dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs and  
4 kennels; providing for the protection of dogs and the  
5 detention and destruction of dogs in certain cases;  
6 regulating the sale and transportation of dogs; declaring  
7 dogs to be personal property and the subject of theft;  
8 providing for the abandonment of animals; providing for the  
9 assessment of damages done to animals; providing for payment  
10 of damages by the Commonwealth in certain cases and the  
11 liability of the owner or keeper of dogs for such damages;  
12 imposing powers and duties on certain State and local  
13 officers and employees; providing penalties; and creating a  
14 Dog Law Restricted Account," in licenses, tags and kennels,  
15 further providing for requirements for kennels.

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

18 Section 1. Section 207 of the act of December 7, 1982  
19 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, is amended by adding a  
20 subsection to read:

21 Section 207. Requirements for kennels.

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23 (g.1) Additional requirements for boarding kennels.--If the  
24 owner of a dog has specific instructions for the care of a dog

1 while in possession of a boarding kennel, the instructions shall  
2 be presented in writing and acknowledged by signature of the  
3 boarding kennel operator. The instructions shall be followed  
4 while the dog is in the possession of the boarding kennel.

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6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.