

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 972 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY MASSER, RYAN, W. KELLER, O'NEILL, MILLARD,
PASHINSKI, DOWLING, KAVULICH, BOBACK, MENTZER AND GILLEN,
MARCH 27, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
MARCH 27, 2017

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

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

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.