

ASSEMBLY, No. 2731

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

Permits various facilities dealing with dogs to provide municipal dog licenses, and municipal cat licenses where required, with municipal approval.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning registration of dogs and certain cats, amending
2 P.L.1941, c.151, and supplementing Title 4 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. (New section) Any municipality may authorize in writing a
9 licensed kennel, pet shop, shelter, pound, or veterinarian, or a pet
10 grooming establishment, to accept, process, and issue dog
11 registrations and tags for any dog within the jurisdiction of the
12 municipality. The municipality shall establish standards and
13 requirements for the issuing of registrations and tags for dogs, and
14 the collection and remittance of fees for the registrations and tags
15 by authorized and approved licensed kennels, pet shops, shelters,
16 pounds, or veterinarians, or pet grooming establishments, including
17 compliance with section 1 of P.L.1973, c.263 (C.4:19-15.2a),
18 section 3 of P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.3), section 1 of P.L.1983,
19 c.172 (C.4:19-15.3b), section 1 of P.L.1983, c.181 (C.4:19-15.3c),
20 and section 11 of P.L.1941, c.152 (C.4:19-15.11).

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22 2. (New section) a. A licensed kennel, pet shop, shelter, pound,
23 or veterinarian, or a pet grooming establishment, after receiving the
24 approval of any municipality in writing, as provided in section 1 of
25 this act, may solicit, accept, and process dog registrations and tags
26 for any dog within the jurisdiction of the approving municipality.
27 Each licensed kennel, pet shop, shelter, pound, or veterinarian, or
28 pet grooming establishment, providing this service shall forward to
29 the appropriate municipality as soon as possible after registering a
30 dog, any applications, fees, and other required paperwork. The
31 licensed kennel, pet shop, shelter, pound, or veterinarian, or pet
32 grooming establishment, may also register cats if the approving
33 municipality requires licenses for cats.

34 b. Each municipality approving a licensed kennel, pet shop,
35 shelter, pound, or veterinarian, or pet grooming establishment, to
36 provide the service authorized pursuant to subsection a. of this
37 section shall take the steps necessary to ensure that the dog, and
38 where applicable, the cat, is properly registered, the proper
39 inoculations have been performed, and the fees are properly
40 collected and distributed, as provided pursuant to section 11 of
41 P.L.1941, c.152 (C.4:19-15.11).

42 c. For the purposes of section 11 of P.L.1941, c.152, any fees
43 collected by the kennel, pet shop, shelter, pound, veterinarian or pet
44 grooming establishment and forwarded to the municipality shall be

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 considered collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1941, c.152
2 (C.4:19-15.3).

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4 3. Section 2 of P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.2) is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 2. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing
7 age shall annually or every third year, in accordance with a 3-year
8 dog license or renewal thereof issued under subsection b. of section
9 12 of this act (C. 4:19-15.12b), apply for and procure from the clerk
10 of the municipality or other official, or an approved licensed
11 veterinarian, or approved owner or operator of a kennel, pet shop,
12 shelter, pound, or pet grooming establishment, or employee thereof,
13 designated by the governing body thereof to license dogs in the
14 municipality in which **[he]** the dog owner resides, a license and
15 official metal registration tag for each such dog so owned, kept or
16 harbored, and shall place upon each such dog a collar or harness
17 with the registration tag securely fastened thereto.

18 (cf: P.L.1982, c.203, s.1)

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20 4. Section 1 of P.L.1973, c. 263 (C.4:19-15.2a) is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 1. No municipal clerk or other official, or approved licensed
23 veterinarian, or approved owner or operator of a kennel, pet shop,
24 shelter, pound, or pet grooming establishment, or employee thereof,
25 designated by the governing body of any municipality to license
26 dogs therein shall grant any such license and official metal
27 registration tag for any dog unless the owner thereof provides
28 evidence that the dog to be licensed and registered has been
29 inoculated with a rabies vaccine of a type approved by and
30 administered in accordance with the recommendations of the
31 United States Department of Agriculture and the United States
32 Department of Health **[, Education, and Welfare]** and Human
33 Services, or has been certified exempt as provided by rules and
34 regulations of the State Department of Health and Senior Services.
35 Such vaccination shall be repeated at intervals as provided by
36 **[regulations of]** the State Department of Health and Senior
37 Services rules and regulations, and shall be administered by a duly
38 licensed veterinarian or by such other veterinarian permitted by law
39 to **[do the same]** provide the required vaccination. The State
40 Department of Health and Senior Services shall **[promulgate]** adopt
41 and implement rules and regulations providing for the recognized
42 duration of immunity, interval of inoculation, certificate of
43 vaccination, certificate of exemption, and such other matters related
44 to this act.

45 (cf: P.L.1973, c. 263, s. 1)

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1 5. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.172 (C.4:19-15.3b) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 1. a. In addition to the fee charged pursuant to section 3 of
4 P.L.1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.3) and forwarded to the Department of
5 Health pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.11),
6 any person applying for the license and registration tag pursuant to
7 section 2 of P.L.1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.2) shall pay a fee of \$3.00
8 for any dog of reproductive age which has not had its reproductive
9 capacity permanently altered through sterilization.

10 b. All fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section
11 and section **5 of this amendatory and supplementary act** 4 of
12 P.L.1983, c.172 (C.4:19A-3) shall be forwarded to the State
13 Treasurer, for deposit in the "Animal Population Control Fund"
14 created pursuant to section 7 of this act.
15 (cf: P.L.1983, c.172, s.1)

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17 6. This act shall take effect on the 180th day following
18 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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23 The bill permits licensed kennels, pet shops, shelters, pounds, or
24 veterinarians, or pet grooming establishments, to solicit, accept, and
25 process dog registrations and tags for any dog, within the
26 jurisdiction of a municipality, but only if the kennel, pet shop,
27 shelter, pound, veterinarian, or pet grooming establishment has
28 received approval in writing from the municipality to do so. The
29 bill also permits cats to be licensed in this manner if the
30 municipality requires cats to be licensed.