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SYNOPSIS

Permits pet dogs in farmers markets under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1	AN ACT concerning pet dogs at farmers markets and supplementing
2	Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.
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4	BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5	of New Jersey:
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7	1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of P.L.1947,
8	c.177 (C.26:1A-7) or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant
9	thereto to the contrary, an owner or operator of an indoor or outdoor
10	farmers market may permit pet dogs in a farmers market, provided
11	that:
12	(1) pet dogs are required to be on a leash or confined in a pet
13	carrier and under a person's control;
14	(2) pet dogs are prohibited from areas in which food is prepared;
15	(3) pet dogs are not allowed on seats or tables in dining areas in
16	the farmers market;
17	(4) employees who handle or prepare food are prohibited from
18	having direct contact with pet dogs while on duty, and a food
19	service employee who does have such prohibited direct contact
20	shall be required to wash the employee's hands in accordance with
21	State public health and sanitation requirements;
22	(5) dining areas in the farmers market are kept clean, and
23	surfaces that have been contaminated by dog excrement or other
24	bodily fluids shall be cleaned and sanitized; and
25	(6) the owner or operator of the farmers market ensures
26	compliance with local ordinances related to public nuisance and
27	sanitation.
28	b. Each owner or operator of an indoor or outdoor farmers
29	market shall post signage on the premises of the farmers market
30	notifying the public if pet dogs are permitted in the farmers market
31	and the guidelines to be followed for the pet dog to be allowed in
32	the farmers market.
33 34	c. The provisions of this section shall be enforced in the same manner as the State Sanitary Code adopted pursuant to section 7 of
35	P.L.1947, c.177 (C.26:1A-7).
36	1.L.1747, C.177 (C.20.1A-7).
37	2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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42	This bill permits pet dogs in indoor and outdoor farmers markets
43	under certain circumstances.
44	Specifically, the bill permits the owner or operator of an indoor
45	or outdoor farmers market to allow pet dogs in the farmers market
46	if:
47	(1) pet dogs are required to be on a leash or in a pet carrier;
48	(2) pet dogs are not allowed in areas in which food is prepared;

(3) pet dogs are not allowed on seats or tables in dining areas
 within the farmers market;
 (4) employees who handle food are not permitted to touch pet
 dogs, and if they do so, they must wash their hands afterward;
 (5) dining areas at the market are kept clean and are sanitized if

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(6) the owner or operator of the market complies with local ordinances related to public nuisance and sanitation.

they come into contact with dog excrement or other bodily fluids;

This bill also requires each owner or operator of an indoor or outdoor farmers market to post signage on the premises of the farmers market notifying the public if pet dogs are permitted in the farmers market and the guidelines to be followed for the pet dog to be allowed in the farmers market.

The provisions of the bill would be enforced in the same manner as the State Sanitary Code.