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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits pet dogs in farmers markets under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture Committee on December 14, 2020,  
with amendments.



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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 <sup>1</sup>**[indoor or]**<sup>1</sup>  
10 outdoor farmers market may permit pet dogs in a farmers market,  
11 provided 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 <sup>1</sup>**[indoor or]**<sup>1</sup> 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 c. The provisions of this section shall be enforced in the same  
34 manner as the State Sanitary Code adopted pursuant to section 7 of  
35 P.L.1947, c.177 (C.26:1A-7).

36 <sup>1</sup>d. Pet dogs shall not be permitted in an indoor farmers market  
37 or any part of a farmers market that is indoors.<sup>1</sup>

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted December 14, 2020.