

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 822 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, HARKINS, HILL-EVANS, HOWARD, READSHAW AND SCHLOSSBERG, MARCH 14, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, MARCH 14, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,  
 2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, second  
 3 class A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth  
 4 classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
 5 laws relating thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes  
 6 by counties, including authorizing imposition of an excise  
 7 tax on the rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first  
 8 class; and providing for regional renaissance initiatives,"  
 9 in special powers and duties of counties, providing for  
 10 county humane officers.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Article XIX of the act of August 9, 1955  
 14 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended by  
 15 adding a subdivision to read:

16 (z.6) Other Powers and Duties

17 Section 1999n. County Humane Officers.--The county  
 18 commissioners may employ a county humane officer who shall be  
 19 authorized to enforce dog control as defined in the act of  
 20 December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the "Dog Law," and  
 21 animal cruelty laws of this Commonwealth as contained in 18

1 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 Subch. B (relating to cruelty to animals). In  
2 order to be eligible for employment as a county humane officer,  
3 an individual must meet the training requirements contained in  
4 22 Pa.C.S. §§ 3712 (relating to training program) and 3713  
5 (relating to continuing education program).

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.