

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 990 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, BIZZARRO, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, GIBBONS, HARKINS, KORTZ, O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, SAINATO AND SCHLOSSBERG, MARCH 13, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, MARCH 13, 2013

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, third,
 3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,
 4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
 5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,
 6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the
 7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and
 8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," in special
 9 powers and duties of counties, providing for county humane
 10 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.3) Other Powers and Duties

17 Section 1999j. 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. § 5511 (relating to cruelty to animals). In order to be
2 eligible for employment as a county humane officer, an
3 individual must meet the training requirements contained in 22
4 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.