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HOUSE BILL NO. 1159

Introduced by: Representatives Howard, Bartels, Conzet, Frye-Mueller, Hawley, Heinemann, Johnson, Kettwig, Rasmussen, Rozum, Schoenfish, Tieszen, and Wismer and Senators Monroe, Haverly, Partridge, and White

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the regulation of
2 commercial breeding operations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 40-1-1 be amended to read:

5 40-1-1. Terms used in chapters 40-1 and 40-2, mean:

6 (1) "Abandon," to give up with the intent of never again regaining one's interests in, or
7 rights to, an animal other than placing ownership with a responsible party;

8 (2) "Animal," any mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish, except humans;

9 (3) "Board," the South Dakota Animal Industry Board;

10 (4) "Cruelty," to intentionally, willfully, and maliciously inflict gross physical abuse on
11 an animal that causes prolonged pain, that causes serious physical injury, or that
12 results in the death of the animal;

13 (5) "Dangerous animal," any animal that, by itself or by environmental circumstances,
14 at the determination of the board, any agent or officer of a humane society, or any law



1 enforcement officer, is a threat to the physical well-being of other owned animals or
2 humans;

3 (6) "Humane killing," to cause the death of an animal in a manner to limit the pain or
4 suffering of the animal as much as reasonably possible under the circumstances;

5 (7) "Impound," to take physical control and custody of an animal;

6 (8) "Livestock," any agricultural or commercial animal owned, bred, or raised for profit,
7 but not including dogs, cats, rabbits, or other household pets;

8 (9) "Mistreat," to cause or permit the continuation of unjustifiable physical pain or
9 suffering of an animal;

10 (10) "Neglect," to fail to provide food, water, protection from the elements, adequate
11 sanitation, adequate facilities, or care generally considered to be standard and
12 accepted for an animal's health and well-being consistent with the species, breed,
13 physical condition, and type of animal;

14 (11) "Primary enclosure," any structure or device used to restrict a dog or cat to a limited
15 amount of space, such as a room, pen, run, cage, compartment, or hutch:

16 (12) "Proper enclosure," a secure confinement in an enclosed or locked facility suitable
17 to prevent a dangerous animal from escaping and to prevent any physical threat to the
18 well-being of any other animal or human.

19 Section 2. That § 40-1-41 be amended to read:

20 40-1-41. Upon receiving a verified complaint, the board, a law enforcement officer, or an
21 agent or officer of a humane society shall enter with a warrant and inspect the commercial
22 breeding operation within a reasonable time frame. A verified complaint consists of a report
23 made to law enforcement containing factual allegations and the name and address of the person
24 making the complaint. A veterinarian licensed in the State of South Dakota shall be in

1 attendance during any portion of an investigation of a commercial breeding operation that is
2 conducted on the premises of the commercial breeding operation. For purposes of this section
3 the term, commercial breeding operation, means any person engaged in the business of breeding
4 dogs or cats who sells, exchanges, or leases dogs or cats in return for consideration or who
5 offers to do so, whether or not the dogs or cats are bred, raised, trained, groomed, or boarded
6 by the person. Any person who owns or harbors three or fewer unaltered dogs or cats for
7 breeding purposes that are at least six months of age is not a commercial breeding operation.
8 Any person who sells, exchanges, or leases thirty or fewer dogs or cats in a twelve-month period
9 is not a commercial breeding operation if all such dogs or cats are sold, exchanged, or leased
10 to a final owner rather than for later retail sale or brokered trading. Any person knowingly
11 selling, exchanging, or leasing any dogs or cats for later retail sale or for brokered trading is a
12 commercial breeding operation.

13 Section 3. That chapter 40-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

14 In addition to the other provisions in this chapter, all commercial breeding operations shall
15 comply with the following minimum standards of care:

- 16 (1) Each primary enclosure shall have a solid floor that is constructed in a manner that
17 protects the animal's feet and legs from injury;
- 18 (2) Each primary enclosure shall be placed no higher than forty-two inches above the
19 floor and may not be placed over or stacked on top of another cage or primary
20 enclosure;
- 21 (3) Veterinary care reasonably deemed necessary shall be provided to a dog or cat
22 without delay. In addition, the commercial breeding operation shall maintain a
23 written program of veterinary care which shall include an annual physical
24 examination by a veterinarian licensed in the State of South Dakota, a vaccination

1 schedule, and a protocol for disease control and prevention, pest and parasite control,
2 nutrition, exercise, socialization, and euthanasia. No dog or cat may be bred if a
3 veterinarian determines that the dog or cat is unfit for breeding purposes. No
4 veterinarian may be held liable as a result of any reasonable action taken pursuant to
5 this section; and

6 (4) A commercial breeding operation shall maintain an individual health record for each
7 dog and cat above the age of eight weeks, that has been weaned, or that has been
8 treated with a medical procedure, whichever occurs first. The commercial breeding
9 operation shall maintain the health records for a period of five years and shall be
10 available for inspection by the board, any peace officer, or any agent or officer of a
11 humane society upon request.

12 A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.