



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 82

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PRIME SPONSOR: Philips-Hill

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: This legislation eliminates the requirement for an interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to board out-of-state dogs, provides an alternative to quarantine requirements for dogs imported into a kennel, and exempts certain dogs from license requirements. This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Dog Law and makes the following changes:

- Eliminates the requirement for a Pennsylvania boarding kennel to require the owner of a dog entering the boarding kennel to have an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) accompany the dog, if the following conditions are met:
 - The dog will remain in the boarding kennel for 30 days or less;
 - The dog is privately owned; and
 - Ownership of the dog does not transfer to another person after the dog enters kennel.
- Adds definition of “*Service Dog Kennel*” and reduces the cost of a service dog kennel to operate to \$35 per year.
- Eliminates the current requirement for a 14-day isolation period for dogs imported into kennels from another state or country and instead, requires a 14-day quarantine period unless the imported dog has a certification by a veterinarian that certain tests, treatments, and vaccinations have been done.
- All kennels that import dogs from other states or countries will have to have and implement a plan of veterinary care approved by a veterinarian that includes protocols for diagnosis, testing, treatment, quarantine, prevention of contagious and infectious communicable and zoonotic diseases to minimize possible transmission of disease.
- Language requires the Secretary of Agriculture to revoke or refuse to issue a license to anyone convicted of violations of the cruelty to animals’ subchapter of the Crimes Code.
- Makes a technical change to the definition of “*certificate of vaccination*” to reference the National Rabies Compendium and its successor versions.
- Expands license fee exemptions for service dogs, used in the performance of services by a fire department, sheriff’s office, or in the performance of rescue services and medical emergency services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact from enactment of this legislation would be a function of two components. First, the number of dog license exemptions utilized by fire departments, sheriff's offices, and rescue or medical emergency services. Second, the number of "*Service Dog Kennel*" licenses issued. In both cases, the fiscal impact would be realized within the General Fund, specifically the Dog Law Restricted Account. Because the number of occurrences for each component is unknown, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

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