



HOUSE BILL No. 5671

April 20, 2000, Introduced by Reps. DeVuyst and Green and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1969 PA 287, entitled

"An act to regulate pet shops, animal control shelters, and animal protection shelters; to establish uniform procedures and minimum requirements for adoption of dogs, cats, and ferrets; and to prescribe penalties and civil fines and to provide remedies,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 287.331), as amended by 1997 PA 7.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Adoption" means a transfer of ownership, with or with-
3 out remuneration, of a dog, cat, or ferret from an animal control
4 shelter or animal protection shelter to an individual for the
5 purpose of being a companion animal for that individual. As used
6 in this subdivision, a companion animal includes but is not
7 limited to a dog that is used for hunting or as a guard dog.

1 (b) "Alteration" means a professional sterilization
2 procedure performed by a veterinarian that renders a dog, cat, or
3 ferret incapable of reproducing.

4 (c) "Altered", in reference to a dog, cat, or ferret, means
5 having undergone alteration.

6 (d) "Animal" means a mammal AND NONFURBEARING ANIMALS,
7 except livestock as defined in 1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121 to
8 287.131, and rodents.

9 (e) "Animal control shelter" means a facility operated by a
10 municipality for the impoundment and care of animals that are
11 found in the streets or at large, animals that are otherwise held
12 due to the violation of a municipal ordinance or state law, or
13 animals that are surrendered to the animal control shelter.

14 (f) "Animal protection shelter" means a facility operated by
15 a person, humane society, society for the prevention of cruelty
16 to animals, or any other nonprofit organization for the care of
17 homeless animals.

18 (g) "Cat" means a domestic cat of any age of the species
19 felis catus.

20 (h) "Department" means the ~~state~~ MICHIGAN department of
21 agriculture.

22 (i) "Director" means the director of the department or his
23 or her authorized representative.

24 (j) "Dog" means a domestic dog of any age of the species
25 canis familiaris.

26 (k) "Ferret" means an animal of any age of the species
27 mustela furo.

1 (1) "Health certificate" means a certificate in a form
2 prescribed by the department in which a veterinarian attests to
3 the age, sex, breed, and description of an animal ~~—~~ and to the
4 fact that at the time of preparation of the certificate, the vet-
5 erinarian examined the animal and found the animal free from
6 visual evidence of communicable disease.

7 (m) "Municipality" means a county, city, village, or
8 township.

9 (N) "NONFURBEARING ANIMAL" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE ZOOLOGICAL
10 CLASSES OF AMPHIBIA AND REPTILIA.

11 (O) ~~(n)~~ "Person" means an individual, partnership, corpo-
12 ration, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

13 (P) ~~(o)~~ "Pet shop" means a place where animals are sold or
14 offered for sale, exchange, or transfer.

15 (Q) ~~(p)~~ "Veterinarian" means ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL
16 licensed to practice veterinary medicine under article 15 of the
17 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.