

# SENATE BILL No. 826

November 29, 2011, Introduced by Senators COLBECK and KOWALL and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

A bill to amend 1919 PA 339, entitled  
"Dog law of 1919,"  
by amending section 17 (MCL 287.277), as amended by 1998 PA 390.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 17. **(1)** The county treasurer may, based on records of the  
2 dogs actually licensed in each city or township of the county and  
3 any report under section 16, identify and locate all unlicensed  
4 dogs. If a dog is required to be licensed under this act but is  
5 unlicensed, the dog is a public nuisance. The county treasurer  
6 shall immediately list all unlicensed dogs identified by this  
7 section and shall deliver copies of the list to the prosecuting  
8 attorney of the county and to the director of the department of  
9 agriculture **AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**. On receiving from the county

1 treasurer the name of any owner of an unlicensed dog, the  
2 prosecuting attorney shall at once commence the necessary  
3 proceedings against the owner of the dog, as required by this act.

4 (2) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) AND SECTIONS 18,**  
5 **19, AND 20, THE** sheriff shall locate ~~and kill, or cause to be~~  
6 ~~killed,~~ all such unlicensed dogs **IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER**  
7 **UNDER SUBSECTION (1) AND TRANSPORT OR ARRANGE FOR THE TRANSPORT OF**  
8 **UNLICENSED DOGS TO AN ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER OR AN ANIMAL**  
9 **PROTECTION SHELTER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF 1969 PA 287, MCL**  
10 **287.331.**

11 (3) **THE SHERIFF MAY KILL OR CAUSE TO BE KILLED AN UNLICENSED**  
12 **DOG IF HE OR SHE DETERMINES THAT THE DOG IS A THREAT TO PUBLIC**  
13 **SAFETY.**

14 (4) Failure, refusal, or neglect on the part of a sheriff to  
15 carry out the provisions of ~~this section~~ **SUBSECTION (2)** constitutes  
16 nonfeasance in office.