

Regulatory Analysis Form

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(1) Agency
 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
 Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

(2) I.D. Number (Governor's Office Use)

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(3) Short Title
 Amendments to Shelter Regulations – Repealing Rest Board Requirement and Adding Vinyl Coated Wire Requirement

(4) PA Code Cite
 7 Pa.Code § 21.24(d)

(5) Agency Contacts & Telephone Numbers

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(6) Type of Rulemaking (check one)

 Proposed Rulemaking X
 Final Order Adopting Regulation
 Final Order, Proposed Rulemaking Omitted

(7) Is a 120-Day Emergency Certification Attached?

 No X
 Yes: By the Attorney General
 Yes: By the Governor

(8) Briefly explain the regulation in clear and nontechnical language.
 The regulation will allow kennel owners to remove rest boards from primary enclosures where dogs are housed on wire flooring. If kennel owners elect to keep the rest boards in place, the rest boards will be required to be made of impervious material. Kennel owners will be required to sanitize the rest boards just as they were prior to this amendment. Language has been added to require all kennel owners housing dogs in primary enclosures with wire flooring to construct such flooring with vinyl coated wire of sufficient diameter to support the weight of the dog(s) without bending or sagging.

(9) State the statutory authority for the regulation and any relevant state or federal court decisions.
 Section 207(b) (3 P.S. § 459-207(b)) of the act of December 12, 1994, P.L. 956, No. 135, as amended, December 11, 1996, P.L. 943, No. 151, known as the Dog Law ("Act") (3 P.S. § 459-101 *et seq.*) is the statutory authority for this regulation. There is no state or federal court decision(s) relevant to this proposed regulatory amendment.

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(10) Is the regulation mandated by any federal or state law or court order, or federal regulation? If yes, cite the specific law, case or regulation, and any deadlines for action.

No. The proposed amendments are not mandated by any federal or state law or court order or federal regulation.

(11) Explain the compelling public interest that justifies the regulation. What is the problem it addresses?

The regulations were originally enacted to protect the health and safety of dogs, assure their humane treatment and to bring the Department into closer compliance with the federal regulations regarding the sheltering of dogs in kennels. However, the Department soon began receiving complaints concerning the health of dogs deteriorating due to fecal matter and urine collecting on the rest boards. It was impossible for kennel owners to keep the rest boards sanitized at all times, thus creating unsanitary conditions for the dogs. Concerns were voiced and written complaints were filed by licensed veterinarians, the Pennsylvania Pet Breeders Association and owners of pet store kennels, that illness and disease was occurring at a higher rate with rest boards in place than had occurred prior to the enactment of the regulations requiring rest boards. In addition, the Federal regulations were changed, setting aside the rest board requirement. The amendments will allow for the removal of rest boards, which will address the safety and health issues that have arisen subsequent to their use. At the same time, the amendments address the comfort, safety and humane treatment of the dogs by requiring that, "(A) dog may be sheltered in a primary enclosure having wire flooring provided the wire is coated with a vinyl type coating. The coated wire flooring must be kept in good repair and shall be made of mesh construction that does not allow the dog's feet to pass through any opening in the floor and does not otherwise cause injury to the dog. The coated wire shall be constructed of sufficient diameter (gauge) to provide a rigid floor area sufficient to support the weight of dog(s) housed in the enclosure such that the wire floor does not bend or sag from the weight of the dog(s)." The removal of the rest boards and the added language concerning vinyl coated wire has been agreed to by a representative for pet store kennels, a representative of the Pennsylvania Legislative Animal Network, representatives for the Pet Breeders Association and various dog clubs.

(12) State the public health, safety, environmental or general welfare risks associated with nonregulation.

See the answer to question 11 above. It explains the health, safety and general welfare issues addressed by this proposed regulatory amendment. The amendments will allow for a more sanitary and humane environment for the dogs as required by the Dog Law.

(13) Describe who will benefit from the regulation. (Quantify the benefits as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will benefit.)

Commercial breeders and pet shop owners will be the primary benefactors of this regulatory change. Approximately 450 State Licensed Kennels will be required to comply with this regulatory change. They will benefit through the lower cost of operation associated with lower rates of disease and morbidity. In addition, the removal of the rest boards will lower the cost and time associated with sanitizing the rest boards and the primary enclosure.

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(14) Describe who will be adversely affected by the regulation. (Quantify the adverse effects as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will be adversely affected.)

There should be no adverse affects on any kennel owner. The majority of kennel owners that house dogs in primary enclosures with wire flooring, already have coated wire of such a diameter and gauge as to bring them into compliance with this regulation. In addition, kennel owners are not required to remove the existing rest boards. The proposed regulatory amendment provides the option to use rest boards or remove them. Kennel owners may continue to use rest boards so long as they keep them properly sanitized.

(15) List the persons, groups or entities that will be required to comply with the regulation. (Approximate the number of people who will be required to comply.)

All licensed kennel owners who maintain kennels with wire flooring will be required to comply. Approximately 450 State Licensed Kennels have wire flooring and rest boards in place at this time.

(16) Describe the communications with and input from the public in the development and drafting of the regulation. List the persons and/or groups who were involved, if applicable.

These proposed amendments are in response to concerns voiced and written complaints filed by licensed veterinarians, the Pennsylvania Pet Breeders Association and owners of pet store kennels regarding the adverse health effects caused by rest boards. Kennel owners were finding it impossible to keep the rest boards sanitized properly. Therefore, illness and disease was occurring at a higher rate with rest boards in place than had occurred prior to the enactment of the regulations requiring rest boards. Upon speaking with kennel owners and the persons listed above, the Department developed the proposed amendatory language. The removal of the rest boards and the added language concerning vinyl coated wire has been agreed to by a representative for pet store kennels, a representative of the Pennsylvania Legislative Animal Network, representatives for the Pet Breeders Association and various dog clubs.

(17) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to the regulated community associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.

The specific cost figures are illusive and are impossible to project until the regulatory change has been effectuated. However, the costs associated with this regulation should be minimal and the savings realized by the regulated community should far outweigh any cost associated with compliance. The majority of kennel owners that house dogs in primary enclosures with wire flooring, already have coated wire of such a diameter and gauge as to bring them into compliance with this regulation. In addition, kennel owners are not required to remove the existing rest boards. The proposed regulatory amendment provides the option to use rest boards or remove them. Kennel owners may continue to use rest boards so long as they keep them properly sanitized. These proposed amendments are in response to concerns voiced by the industry and the added language concerning vinyl coated wire has been agreed to by a representative for pet store kennels, a representative of the Pennsylvania Legislative Animal Network, and representatives for the Pet Breeders Association and various dog clubs. No additional legal, accounting or consulting procedures are required by this proposed regulatory amendment.

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(18) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to local governments associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.

There will be no costs or savings to local governments associated with compliance with the proposed regulatory amendment. No additional legal, accounting or consulting procedures are required by this proposed regulatory amendment.

(19) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to state government associated with the implementation of the regulation, including any legal, accounting, or consulting procedures which may be required.

There will be no costs or savings to local governments associated with compliance with the proposed regulatory amendment. No additional legal, accounting or consulting procedures are required by this proposed regulatory amendment. The proposed change will not increase or decrease the Department's regulatory workload. The Department already inspects kennels on a regular basis and the proposed changes to the regulation will not effect inspection schedules, paperwork requirements or the time required to inspect a kennel. The only costs associated with the proposed regulatory amendment will be to reprint 5000 new regulation booklets. The cost will be approximately \$1400. However, it should be noted that these books are already reprinted on periodic basis in order to supply new kennel owners with the required criteria to operate a State Licensed Kennel.

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(20) In the table below, provide an estimate of the fiscal savings and costs associated with implementation and compliance for the regulated community, local government, and state government for the current year and five subsequent years.

	Current FY Year	FY +1 Year	FY +2 Year	FY +3 Year	FY +4 Year	FY +5 Year
SAVINGS:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Regulated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Savings						
COSTS:						
Regulated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Government	1499.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Costs	1499.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
REVENUE LOSSES:		N				
Regulated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Revenue Losses						

(20a) Explain how the cost estimates listed above were derived.

5000 revised regulation booklets @ \$0.28 per book = \$1400.00

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(20b) Provide the past three year expenditure history for programs affected by the regulation.

Program	FY -3	FY -2	FY -1	Current FY
None	None	None	None	None
None	None	None	None	None
None	None	None	None	None
None	None	None	None	None

(21) Using the cost-benefit information provided above, explain how the benefits of the regulation outweigh the adverse effects and costs.

The costs associated with this regulation should be minimal and the savings realized by the regulated community should far outweigh any cost associated with compliance. The majority of kennel owners that house dogs in primary enclosures with wire flooring, already have coated wire of such a diameter and gauge as to bring them into compliance with this regulation. In addition, kennel owners are not required to remove the existing rest boards. The proposed regulatory amendment provides the option to use rest boards or remove them. Kennel owners may continue to use rest boards so long as they keep them properly sanitized. They will benefit through the lower cost of operation associated with lower rates of disease and morbidity. In addition, the removal of the rest boards will lower the cost and time associated with sanitizing the rest boards and the primary enclosure. These proposed amendments are in response to concerns voiced by the industry and the added language concerning vinyl coated wire has been agreed to by a representative for pet store kennels, a representative of the Pennsylvania Legislative Animal Network, representatives for the Pet Breeders Association and various dog clubs. No additional legal, accounting or consulting procedures are required by this proposed regulatory amendment.

(22) Describe the nonregulatory alternatives considered and the costs associated with those alternatives. Provide the reasons for their dismissal.

There have been no alternatives considered. To effectuate the changes suggested by the industry, an amendment to the regulation is necessary. The removal of rest boards and the requirement of vinyl coated wire sufficient in gauge and diameter to support the weight of the dog(s) in the primary enclosure is the method recommended and supported by veterinarians and the industry to protect the health of dogs so sheltered.

(23) Describe alternative regulatory schemes considered and the costs associated with those schemes. Provide the reasons for their dismissal.

No alternatives were discussed. The veterinarians and the industry felt that the proposed amendments were the best, most cost effective and least intrusive manner in which to protect the health and safety of dogs and promote the humane treatment of dogs housed in primary enclosures with wire flooring.

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(24) Are there any provisions that are more stringent than federal standards? If yes, identify the specific provisions and the compelling Pennsylvania interest that demands stronger regulation.

No.

(25) How does this regulation compare with those of other states? Will the regulation put Pennsylvania at a competitive disadvantage with other states?

The proposed amendment to the regulation will bring Pennsylvania's law into line with current federal law. Pennsylvania will not be put at a competitive disadvantage with other states. The proposed amendment is less stringent and provides more flexibility than the current regulation. At the same time the proposed amendment to the regulation will help to assure the health, safety and humane treatment of dogs housed in primary enclosures having wire flooring and benefit the industry in lower disease and morbidity rates and lower sanitation and maintenance costs.

(26) Will the regulation affect existing or proposed regulations of the promulgating agency or other state agencies? If yes, explain and provide specific citations.

No.

(27) Will any public hearings or informational meetings be scheduled? Please provide the dates, times, and locations, if available.

No. As stated previously, the Department has already met with representatives of the kennel owners and various other industry groups and has consulted veterinarians with regard to this proposed regulatory change. The language in the amendment is the result of these meetings and addresses the concerns expressed by the regulated industry.

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(28) Will the regulation change existing reporting, record keeping, or other paperwork requirements? Describe the changes and attach copies of forms or reports which will be required as a result of implementation, if available.

No.

(29) Please list any special provisions which have been developed to meet the particular needs of affected groups or persons including, but not limited to, minorities, elderly, small businesses, and farmers.

The regulation applies only to kennel owners that house their dogs in primary enclosures with wire flooring. The proposed amendment is the result of meetings and discussions with affected industry groups and persons.

(30) What is the anticipated effective date of the regulation; the date by which compliance with the regulation will be required; and the date by which any required permits, licenses or other approvals must be obtained?

Because the affected industry has been involved in this regulatory change the regulation should be non-controversial. Therefore, the anticipated effective date of the regulation is June of 2000.

Compliance with the regulation, as amended, should be required immediately. The regulatory amendment is flexible and allows kennel owners that house dogs in primary enclosures with wire flooring to keep rest boards in place. The kennel owners affected by the regulatory change will be able to keep the rest boards in place until such time as they comply with the coated wire requirements of the proposed regulatory amendment.

No additional permits, licenses or other approvals are required by the proposed regulatory amendment.

(31) Provide the schedule for continual review of the regulation.

All kennels licensed by the Commonwealth are required to be inspected one time per calendar year. However, the majority of such kennels are inspected two times per calendar year. During these inspections, the State Dog Wardens will monitor the sanitation practices of the kennels and the health of the dogs housed in the kennels to determine if the removal of the rest boards had a positive impact, no impact or a negative impact on the health and sanitation of the dogs housed therein.

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(Deputy Attorney General)

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Department of Agriculture

DOCUMENT/FISCAL NOTE NO. 2-132

DATE OF ADOPTION _____

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By: _____
Samuel E. Hayes, Jr.

TITLE Secretary

EXECUTIVE OFFICER CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY

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6/9/00
DATE OF APPROVAL

(Deputy General Counsel)
(~~Chief Counsel - Independent Agency~~)
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Check if applicable. No Attorney General Approval or
objection within 30 days after submission.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
7 Pa. Code § 21.24(d)
Amendments to Shelter Regulations - Repealing
Rest Board Requirement and Adding Vinyl
Coated Wire Requirement

Annex "A"

7 Pennsylvania Code
Part II. Dog Law Enforcement Bureau
Chapter 21. General Provisions; Kennels; Licensure;
Dog-Caused Damages.

CHAPTER 21. GENERAL PROVISIONS; KENNELS; LICENSURE;
DOG-CAUSED DAMAGES

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KENNELS-PRIMARY ENCLOSURES

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§ 21.24. Shelters.

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(d) A dog may be sheltered in a primary enclosure having wire flooring [if] provided the wire flooring is coated with a vinyl type coating. The coated wire flooring must be kept in good repair [, is] and shall be made of mesh [or slatted] construction that does not allow the dog's feet to pass through any opening in the floor and does not otherwise cause injury to the dog. The coated wire shall be constructed of sufficient diameter (gauge) to provide a rigid floor area sufficient to support the weight of dog(s) housed in the enclosure such that the wire floor does not bend or sag from the weight of the dog(s). Coated wire flooring shall be installed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this regulation. Coated wire flooring shall be installed prior to the removal of a solid resting surface. If a solid resting surface is provided, such solid resting surface must be constructed of impervious material. A dog being housed in a primary enclosure with wire flooring shall be provided with a draft free [solid resting surface that, in the

aggregate,] area that is large enough to hold all the occupants of the primary enclosure at the same time comfortably.

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7 Pennsylvania Code
Part II. Dog Law Enforcement Bureau
Chapter 21. General Provisions; Kennels; Licensure;
Dog-Caused Damages.

The Department of Agriculture ("Department"), under the specific authority conferred by Section 207(b) (3 P.S. §459-207(b)) of the act of December 12, 1994, P.L. 956, No. 135, as amended, December 11, 1996, P.L. 943, No. 151, known as the Dog Law ("Act") (3 P.S. § 459-101 et seq.), hereby proposes to amend the regulations at Chapter 21 of Title 7 (7 Pa.Code § 21.24(d)). Section 101 (3 P.S. § 459-101) of the act states this in an act "... relating to dogs, regulating the keeping of dogs; providing for the licensing of ...kennels..." and "... providing for the protection of dogs" The Department has a duty to assure the proper and humane care of dogs kept in captivity. Section 207(b) confers upon the Department the power to promulgate regulations regarding the maintenance of kennels. It states, "(A)ll kennels shall be maintained in a sanitary and humane condition in accordance with standards and sanitary codes promulgated by the secretary."

BACKGROUND

The current regulations at Chapter 21.24(d) of Title 7 (7 Pa.Code § 21.24(d)), relating to shelters for dogs, became effective April 12, 1996. They require kennels that house dogs in a primary enclosure with wire flooring to provide a solid draft free resting surface to allow the dogs to rest comfortably. The regulations were originally enacted to protect the health and safety of dogs, assure their humane treatment and to bring the

Department into closer compliance with the federal regulations regarding the sheltering of dogs in kennels.

The Department vigorously enforced the regulations and all kennels with wire or mesh flooring were brought into compliance with the rest board requirements. However, the Department soon began receiving complaints concerning the health of dogs deteriorating due to fecal matter and urine collecting on the rest boards. It was impossible for kennel owners to keep the rest boards sanitized at all times, thus creating unsanitary conditions for the dogs. Concerns were voiced and written complaints were filed by licensed veterinarians, the Pennsylvania Pet Breeders Association and owners of pet store kennels. The complaints stated that illness and disease was occurring at a higher rate with rest boards in place than had occurred prior to the enactment of the regulations requiring rest boards. In addition, the federal regulations were changed, setting aside the rest board requirement.

The amendments will allow for the removal of rest boards, which will address the safety and health issues that have arisen subsequent to their use. At the same time, the amendments address the comfort, safety and human treatment of the dogs by requiring that, "(A) dog may be sheltered in a primary enclosure having wire flooring provided the wire is coated with a vinyl type coating. The coated wire flooring must be kept in good repair and shall be made of mesh construction that does not allow the dog's feet to pass through any opening in the floor and does not otherwise cause injury to the dog. The coated wire shall be constructed of sufficient diameter (gauge) to provide a rigid floor area sufficient to support the weight of dog(s) housed in the enclosure such that the wire floor does not bend or sag from the weight of the dog(s)." The regulations require a

kennel owner to install vinyl coated wire before removing any rest boards. Kennel owners may keep rest boards in place, but will still be required to install vinyl coated wire flooring meeting the standards of these regulations and will be required to keep the rest boards sanitized. The ability to remove the rest boards and the added language concerning vinyl coated wire has been agreed to by a representative for pet store kennels, a representative of the Pennsylvania Legislative Animal Network, representatives for the Pet Breeders Association and various dog clubs.

The amendments are intended to update the Department's policy regarding the sheltering of dogs in kennels. The amendments are consistent with the Department's duties under the act and bring the Department into closer compliance with federal regulations regarding the sheltering of dogs in kennels.

In the interest of continuing to carry out the policy of the act, to assure the health, safety and human treatment of dogs, the Department proposes to amend the regulations at Title 7, Chapter 21.24(d) (7 Pa.Code § 21.24(d)) to effectuate the changes referred to above.

The major features of the proposed amendments are summarized as follows:

SUMMARY OF MAJOR FEATURES

Section 21.24.(d) This section will be changed by eliminating the language requiring that a "solid resting surface" be provided for dogs being housed in a primary enclosure having wire flooring. Language will be added to require that the wire flooring in such primary enclosures must be "vinyl coated" and be "constructed of sufficient diameter (gauge) to provide a rigid floor area sufficient to support the weight of dog(s)

housed in the enclosure such that the wire floor does not bend or sag from the weight of the dog(s).” All other requirements, such as a draft free area and wire constructed in a manner which does not allow the dog’s feet to pass through any opening in the floor, shall remain unchanged. Kennel owners will be required to install vinyl coated wire flooring before removing any rest boards. Kennel owners may keep rest boards in place, but will still be required to install vinyl coated wire flooring meeting the standards of these regulations and will be required to keep the rest boards sanitized.

FISCAL IMPACT

Commonwealth

The proposed amendments to the regulations will impose minimal costs and have minimal fiscal impact upon the Commonwealth. The proposed change will not increase or decrease the regulatory workload. The Department already inspects kennels on a regular basis and the proposed change to the regulation will not effect inspection schedules or the time required to inspect a kennel.

Political Subdivisions

The proposed amendments to the regulations will impose no costs and have no fiscal impact upon political subdivisions.

Private Sector

The proposed amendments to the regulations will impose minimal costs on private sector organizations and individuals. There will not be an increased cost to the regulated community. The regulated community will have an increase in costs initially, because it will be required to replace current wire flooring with a vinyl coated wire

flooring. However, the regulated community has requested the proposed changes. The regulated community believes the changes will decrease the health problems associated with the rest board requirement and thereby decrease veterinary and health care costs. In addition, the elimination of rest boards will decrease the sanitary expenses by reducing the man-hours required to clean the kennels.

General Public

The proposed amendments to the regulations will impose no costs and have no fiscal impact on the general public. The general public should benefit through reduced costs to the industry.

PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

The proposed amendments to the regulations will not result in an appreciable increase of paperwork. The Department has already developed the appropriate forms and procedures to administer kennel inspections. Only small changes will be required.

REGULATORY REVIEW

Under Section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act, the Act of June 30, 1989 (P.L. 73, No. 19), (71 P.S. §§ 745.1–745.15), as amended by Act 24 of 1997 (P.L. 252, No. 24), the Department submitted a copy of these proposed amendments to the regulations on July 10, 2000 to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and to the Chairpersons of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. In addition to submitting the proposed amendments to the regulations, the Department has provided the Commission and the Committees with a copy of a detailed Regulatory Analysis Form prepared by the agency

in compliance with Executive Order 1996-1 "Regulatory Review and Promulgation." A copy of this material is available to the public upon request.

If the Commission has an objection to any portion of the proposed amendments to the regulations, it will notify the Department within 30 days after the close of the public comment period. Such notification shall specify the regulatory review criteria which have not been met by that portion. The Regulatory Review Act specifies detailed procedures for review, prior to final publication of the regulations, by the Department, the General Assembly and the Governor of objections raised.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for this regulation shall be **30 days from the date of** publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

CONTACT PERSON

Further information is available by contacting the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9408; Attn: Richard Burd (717) 787- 4833.

EFFECTIVE DATE

These proposed amendments to the regulations would become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

By the Department of Agriculture

SAMUEL E. HAYES, JR., SECRETARY



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LEGAL OFFICE

July 10, 2000

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
7 Pa. Code § 21.24(d)
Amendments to Shelter Regulations – Repealing Rest Board
Requirement and Adding Vinyl Coated Wire Requirement
I.D. No. 2-132

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed copies of the Face Sheet, Preamble, Annex "A" and Regulatory Analysis Form with respect to the above proposed regulation.

Copies of these documents have been submitted to the majority and minority chairpersons of the House and Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committees and to the Legislative Reference Bureau on this date.

The proposed regulation will be published in the July 22, 2000 edition of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. If I may be of further information, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Kennedy".

David C. Kennedy
Assistant Counsel

Enclosures

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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO THE
REGULATORY REVIEW ACT**

I.D. NUMBER: 2-132

SUBJECT: Amendments to Shelter Regulations – Repealing Rest Board Requirement and Adding Vinyl Coated Wire Requirement

AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TYPE OF REGULATION

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June 16, 2000