

Regulatory Analysis Form		This space for use by IRRC	
(1) Agency Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement		2001 DEC 21 PM 3: 26 REVIEW COMMISSION	
(2) I.D. Number (Governor's Office Use) 2-135		IRRC Number: 2241	
(3) Short Title Amendments to dog licensure regulations to comply with changes legislated by Act of 1996, No. 151 the use of microchip as permanent identification for lifetime license.			
(4) PA Code Cite 7 Pa. Code , §§21.1-21.57		(5) Agency Contacts & Telephone Numbers Primary Contact: Richard F. Hess (717) 787-3062 Secondary Contact: Rick L. Burd (717) 787-3062	
(6) Type of Rulemaking (check one) Proposed Rulemaking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Final Order Adopting Regulation Final Order, Proposed Rulemaking Omitted		(7) Is a 120-Day Emergency Certification Attached? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Yes: By the Attorney General Yes: By the Governor	
(8) Briefly explain the regulation in clear and nontechnical language. The regulation establishes the definition and procedure for the use of a microchip as permanent identification for a lifetime dog license; establishes a database for lifetime licenses issued. The regulation also amends previous regulations as required to comply with the amended dog law (Act of 1996, No. 151).			
(9) State the statutory authority for the regulation and any relevant state or federal court decisions. Section 207(b) (3 P.S. §§459-201(b)) of the act of December 7, 1982, P.L. 784, No. 225, 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. The amendments are necessary to assure the regulations are consistent with the dog law as amended, December 11, 1996, P.L. 943, No. 151.

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

The amended dog law allows a microchip to be used as a permanent means of identification. This method is promoted by many veterinarians and kennel clubs. The regulations at the present time need to be changed to assure consistency with the provisions of the Dog Law as amended December 11, 1996, P.L. 943, No. 151.

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

The microchip is widely used as identification in dogs. The general welfare is benefited by the fast and safe return of the dogs to their owners. In addition, lifetime licensure will make it easier for the general public to comply with the licensure provisions of the Dog Law and thereby promote greater compliance with the provisions of the Act.

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

Pennsylvania's one million licensed dog owners will benefit with a clear concise set of regulations that are consistent with the amended dog law and provide for the use of a microchip for a lifetime license.

(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 affect on any dog owner, kennel owner, or the general public.

(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 dog owners that license their dogs with a lifetime license may be affected by the regulations. However, no person, or group or entity is required to comply with this regulation. The regulation merely provides an additional method to license a dog and allows for the lifetime licensure of a dog.

(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.

A public hearing was held December 14, 2000. The proposed regulations have been discussed at the dog law advisory board meetings. Comments have been received from the following: Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Legislative Animal Network, Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, The Professional Pet Breeders Association and Hearts United for Animals.

(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.

There is no difference in the license fee between the proposed regulations and the current regulations. The lifetime license fee does not change. The veterinary fee may differ between the alternative method of microchipping and the original method of permanent identification, which was tattooing.

(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 imposed on local governments 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 state governments associated with compliance with the proposed regulatory amendment. Additional accounting procedures are required by this proposed regulatory amendment. The proposed change will not increase or decrease the Department's regulatory workload. The department will be required to maintain a database at an estimated additional cost of \$30,000 per year. The county treasurers under current law are required to maintain a record of all lifetime license sales. There is no additional cost to the county treasurer's.

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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	N/A	N/A	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Total Costs	N/A	N/A	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
REVENUE LOSSES:						
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.

As the database builds a full time clerk may be needed.
One data entry clerk wages and benefits.

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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 new law provides for the microchip. There is no prior history of expenditures. Since this is an alternative procedure the dog owner may use a tattoo or a microchip. There is no additional requirement for the public. The additional cost for the state is the maintenance of a database of the licenses issued. The costs associated with this regulation should be minimal.

(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 mandated by the dog law an amendment to the regulation is necessary.

(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 effective and least intrusive manner in which to protect the health and safety of dogs and promote the humane treatment of dogs. In addition, the amendments are driven by the amendments to the act itself.

(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 amendments to the regulation will bring Pennsylvania's law into line with current practices. Pennsylvania will not be put at a competitive disadvantage with other states. The proposed amendments provide more flexibility than the current regulation. At the same time the proposed amendments to the regulation will help to assure the health, safety and humane treatment of dogs.

(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. A public hearing was held on December 14, 2000. As stated previously, the Department has already met with representatives of the dog 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.

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

Yes, the Department will need to establish and maintain a database of all lifetime license sales. The county treasurer's already have a database, no additional requirements are needed.

(29) Please list and 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 dog owners. The proposed amendments are 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 regulations 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 January 2002.

Compliance with the regulation, as amended, should be required immediately. The regulatory amendment is flexible and allows dog owners the option to comply.

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 dogs licensed by the Commonwealth are required to be licensed one time per calendar year, except lifetime licenses. The impact of this regulation will be reviewed annually as part of the budget process.

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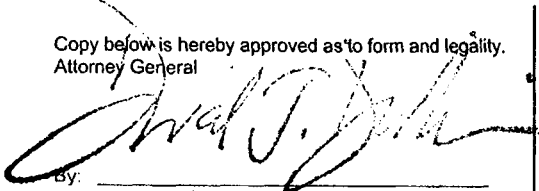
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PROPOSED RULEMAKING
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT
7 Pa. CODE CHAPTER 21
AMENDMENTS TO LICENSURE PROVISIONS

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 Sections 201 and 903 (3 P.S. §§ 459-201 and 459-903) of the act of December 7, 1982, P.L. 784, No. 225, 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 §§ 21.1, 21.4, 21.51, 21.52, 21.53, 21.55 and 21.57). Section 101 (3 P.S. § 459-101) of the act states this is an act “...relating to dogs, regulating the keeping of dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs...; providing for the abandonment of animals” and “providing for...liability of the owner of keeper of dogs for such damages.” The Department has a duty to assure the proper and humane licensure of dogs and a means by which a person may obtain reimbursement for certain dog-caused damages. Section 201 confers upon the Department the power to promulgate regulations regarding the lifetime licensure of dogs. Section 903 provides for penalties where the act has not set forth a specific penalty for a violation of that section of the act.

BACKGROUND

The lifetime licensure provisions of the current regulations require that a dog be tattooed with a number assigned by the County Treasurer. While these regulations were consistent with the requirements set forth by the legislature, those requirements have been changed to ensure more humane treatment of dogs by allowing lifetime licensure of dogs through the implantation of a microchip. The proposed amendments to the lifetime

licensure regulations will allow the use of a microchip as an alternative to the tattoo identification. This alternative provides a more humane method of identification.

In the interest of continuing to carry out the policy of the Act, which is to assure the health, safety, and humane treatment of dogs, and to assure the regulations are consistent with the provisions of the Act, the Department proposes to amend the aforementioned regulations to effectuate the changes referred to above.

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

SUMMARY OF MAJOR FEATURES

General Provisions

Section 21.1 will add the definitions of “Microchip” and “Releasing Agency” and amend the definition of “Secretary” in order to provide clarity to the regulations.

Section 21.4 will be repealed. The act sets forth the penalties to be imposed for violations of specific sections of the Dog Law. There is no need to repeat such penalties in the regulations.

Licensure

Section 21.51 has been rescinded in its entirety and new language has been added to allow the use of either tattooing or micro chipping. The microchip and tattoo numbers are obtained from the County Treasurer or Agent, who will issue the lifetime license and tag.

Section 21.52 sets forth the requirement that the County Treasurer or Agent shall maintain a databank of all lifetime licenses. The County Treasurer or Agent shall maintain a record of lifetime licenses for 20 years.

Section 21.53 requires the County Treasurer to transmit any changes in residence to the Department so that the Department's databank remains current.

Section 21.55 has been repealed because, under the amended act, there is no longer a distinction between a kennel license and a breeding kennel license.

Section 21.57 has been amended to provide that the Department, rather than the County Treasurer, shall issue a maximum of 10 kennel tags. The State Warden may recommend that more tags are needed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Commonwealth

The proposed amendments to the regulations will impose minimal costs and have minimal fiscal impact upon the Commonwealth. The proposed changes will not increase or decrease the regulatory workload. The Department will have to organize a databank to maintain a record of lifetime license holders.

Political Subdivisions

The proposed amendments to the regulations will impose minimal costs and have a minimal fiscal impact upon political subdivisions. The County Treasurer must transmit a record of lifetime licenses monthly. The County Treasurer currently transmits a monthly record of all dog licenses sold, therefore the requirement to transmit a record of lifetime licenses sold will not impose an additional burden on the County Treasurer. The

County Treasurer already keeps a record of lifetime licenses for 15 years; the proposed amendments extend this requirement to 20 years.

Private Sector

The proposed amendments to the regulations will impose no additional costs on private sector organizations or individuals.

General Public

The proposed amendments to the regulations will impose no additional costs and have no fiscal impact on the general public. Dog owners that wish to have a lifetime license are already required to have the dog tattooed. The proposed amendment allows the use of a microchip as an alternative form of identification.

PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

The proposed amendments to the regulations will not result in an appreciable increase in paperwork. The Department will be required to maintain a databank of lifetime license holders.

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 this proposed regulation on December 21, 2001 to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission, the Chairpersons of the House Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee and the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. In addition to submitting the regulation, the Department has provided the

Commission and the Committees with a copy of a detailed Regulatory Analysis Form prepared by the Department 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 any objections to any portion of the proposed regulation, 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 regulation, by the Department, the General Assembly and the Governor, of objections raised.

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: Mr. Richard Burd (717) 787-4833

EFFECTIVE DATE

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

By the Department of Agriculture

SAMUEL E. HAYES, JR., SECRETARY

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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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 21.1. Definitions.

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Microchip – A passive transducer encapsulated in a biocompatible material activated by a 125 kilohertz scanner, or any similar device approved by the Department.

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Releasing agency – A public or private pound, animal shelter, humane society, society for prevention of cruelty to animals or other similar entity that releases a dog or cat for adoption.

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Secretary- The Secretary of [the Department] Agriculture or any person to whom authority has been delegated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

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[§ 21.4. Penalties.

A person found in violation of any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of one of the following:

(1) A summary offense for the first and second convictions under this chapter or the act within a 1-year period.

(2) A misdemeanor of the third degree for a third or subsequent violation under this chapter or the act within 1 year of conviction for the first and second violations.] Reserved

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KENNELS-PRIMARY ENCLOSURES

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KENNELS-PRIMARY CONVEYANCES

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KENNELS-RECORDS

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LICENSURE

§ 21.51. Lifetime dog license issuance.

(a) The applicant shall complete a lifetime dog license application and present it and the appropriate fee to the County Treasurer or his agent in the applicant's county of residence, either in person or by mailing an application and including a self-addressed stamped envelope.

(b) The County Treasurer or his agent shall assign a tattoo-license number and place the number on a tattoo certificate. The number shall be at least six digits, the first two digits designating the county. For example, Adams County numbers shall begin with 01; York County, with 67. The county number shall be followed by at least four digits assigned by the County Treasurer or his agent. For example, the first tattoo number assigned by Lehigh County will be 390001. The dog owner may have the letters "PA" tattooed on the dog immediately preceding the assigned number issued by the County Treasurer or his agent.

(c) The tattoo-license number and all other information except the part to be filled in by the tattooist shall be completed by the County Treasurer or his agent on the tattooing certificate before the certificate is given to the applicant. The lifetime license shall also be completed by the County Treasurer or his agent from information on the lifetime application at that time. The County Treasurer or his agent shall collect the applicable fee for the lifetime license before issuing the tattoo certificate to the applicant.

(d) The owner shall arrange to have the dog tattooed at the owner's expense with the number assigned by the County Treasurer in the manner prescribed by subsection (b). The dog shall be tattooed on the right hind leg on the inner part of the upper thigh. The tattooist shall complete the tattooing certificate.

(e) The County Treasurer or his agent shall hold the lifetime license and the accompanying tag until the applicant returns the completed tattooing certificate. The County Treasurer then shall issue the license and tag. If the applicant has not returned the completed tattooing certificate to the County Treasurer or his agent within 60 days, the license fee shall be refunded to the applicant by the County Treasurer or his agent. The 50¢ issuance fee shall be retained by the County Treasurer for his service in forwarding the refund to the applicant. The tattoo-license number shall not be reissued to future applicants other than the original applicant. If the applicant has not reapplied for a lifetime license within 30 days of the date of the refund, the lifetime license shall be voided.

(f) Copies of the lifetime license form and tattooing certificate shall be distributed as indicated on the copies with the County Treasurer's copy being filed in sequence.]

(a) The applicant shall complete a lifetime dog license application and present it and the appropriate fee to the County Treasurer or his agent in the applicant's county of residence, either in person or by mailing an application.

(b) Upon receipt of a lifetime dog license application, the County Treasurer shall complete the lifetime license from information on the lifetime dog license application. The County Treasurer or his agent shall assign a tattoo-license number or a microchip-license number and place the number on a tattoo/microchip license certificate. The tattoo/microchip license certificate shall identify the dog by breed, date of birth, sex, color and markings, shall contain the name, address and phone number of the dog's owner and the year of licensure and shall set forth the tattoo-license or microchip-license number that was issued. The tattoo-license number or the microchip-license number and all other information except the part to be filled in by the tattooist or the person implanting the microchip shall be completed by the County Treasurer or his agent on the tattoo/microchip certificate before the certificate is given to the applicant. The County Treasurer or his agent shall collect the applicable fee for the lifetime license before issuing the tattoo/microchip certificate to the applicant. The County Treasurer or his agent shall hold the lifetime license and the accompanying tag until the applicant returns the completed tattoo/microchip certificate. The tattoo-license number or microchip-license number issued by the County Treasurer shall be at least six digits, the first two digits designating the county. For example, Adams County numbers shall begin with 01; York County, with 67. The county number shall be followed by at least four digits assigned by the County Treasurer or his agent. For example, the first tattoo number or microchip number assigned by Lehigh County will be 390001.

(c) The owner shall arrange to have the dog tattooed or a microchip implanted at the owner's expense with the number assigned by the County Treasurer in the manner prescribed by subsection (b). The tattooist or the person implanting the microchip shall complete the tattoo/microchip certificate. The number tattooed on the dog shall be the same number as the assigned tattoo-license number set forth on the tattoo/microchip license certificate. Where the dog owner is seeking a tattoo-license, the dog owner may have the letters "PA" tattooed on the dog immediately preceding the assigned number issued by the County Treasurer or his agent. The tattoo shall be on the right hind leg on the inner part of the upper thigh. When a microchip-license number is issued the person implanting the microchip shall record the identifying number on the microchip on the tattoo/microchip license certificate. The microchip implanted shall be of a type consistent with section 21.1 of this chapter (relating to the definition of "microchip") and shall be implanted in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

(d) Upon receipt of the properly completed tattoo/microchip certificate, the County Treasurer shall issue the lifetime license and tag to the dog owner. The number on the tag that is issued shall be the same number as the assigned tattoo-license number or microchip license number set forth on the tattoo/microchip license certificate. Upon issuing the lifetime license to the applicant the County Treasurer shall record the microchip-license number and the corresponding microchip identification number. If the applicant has not returned the completed tattoo/microchip certificate to the County Treasurer or his agent within 60 days, the license fee shall be refunded to the applicant by the County Treasurer or his agent. The 50¢ issuance fee shall be retained by the County Treasurer for his service in forwarding the refund to the applicant. The tattoo-license

number or microchip-license number shall not be reissued to future applicants other than the original applicant. If the applicant has not reapplied for a lifetime license within 30 days of the date of the refund, the lifetime license shall be voided.

(e) Copies of the lifetime application shall be distributed as indicated on the application, with the County Treasurer's copy behind filed in sequence. A monthly record of lifetime license information shall be mailed or electronically transmitted to the Department.

§ 21.52. Recordkeeping for lifetime dog licenses.

The County Treasurer or Agent shall mail or electronically transmit a monthly record of lifetime licenses information to the Department. The County Treasurer or Agent shall keep a record of all lifetime dog licenses issued for [15] 20 years.

§ 21.53. Transfer of lifetime dog licenses.

The issuance of a new license and tag is not required when transferring a lifetime dog license to a new owner or when the owner changes his residence to another county. However, the transfer or change in residence shall be recorded by the issuing County Treasurer and, when applicable, by the County Treasurer in the county to which the dog has been moved. The County Treasurer shall mail or electronically transmit a record of the transfer or change in residence to the Department.

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[§ 21.55. Breeding kennel license.

For the purposes of enforcing the act, when it is not apparent whether a kennel should be licensed as a private kennel or breeding kennel, the kennel shall be licensed as a breeding kennel if the owner or operator keeps, harbors, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a cumulative total of 101 or more dogs in the preceding calendar year.]

Reserved

§ 21.57. Kennel tags.

The [County Treasurer] Department shall issue a maximum of ten kennel tags to [the] a kennel owner or operator unless [authorization is provided by] the State Warden for the county recommends that a higher quantity is required.

DOG-CAUSED DAMAGES

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RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
7 Pa. Code, Chapter 21
Amendments to Licensure Provisions
I.D. No. 2-135

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 January 5, 2002 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: 2-135
SUBJECT: Amendments to Licensure Provisions
AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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