

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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January 23, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a ~~few~~ <sup>lot of ~~serious~~ concerns</sup> serious concerns.

The proposed changes would require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. These excessive and burdensome requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

*Aquillo K. Blank*

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*Animal Activists are trying to  
put us kennel owners out of business  
through Pendell of The Dog Bureau  
Please don't let them do this.  
I built my new kennel for my  
retirement job 2 years ago. I have  
a mortgage to pay on the kennel and  
can't afford to be forced out of business*