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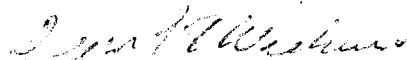
I am writing in regard to the proposed changes in the dog laws, particularly as they would impact not only small breeders like myself, but also local dog clubs. It is obvious that the changes were written by people who do not hunt, show, or field trial dogs.

If I take my hunting bassets out and train them by running rabbits for 4 - 5 hours, the new rules would require me to walk each one for 20 minutes. If I have a dog recovering from a broken leg, must I walk the dog for 20 minutes???

What would I have to do to take my dogs to a show, field trial, or any other event in NJ??

The new laws would prevent any dog owners from coming to any event in PA. This would be disastrous to most dog clubs.

Please consider the effect these changes would have on owners, breeders, and clubs before enacting legislation that placates the few who seem to have a problem with dog performance events



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