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I am suggesting the below comments for the new proposed dog laws.

1. Dog wardens should also be licensed humane officers so they are able to arrest offending breeder and do not have to depend on an outside agency to help the Dept. of Ag.
2. A dog should only be able to be debarked by a licensed veterinarian. Most veterinarians will not do this procedure. If a dog is debarked by a veterinarian, it should have a tag (like a rabies tag) and accompany that dog where ever it is located. If a debarked dog is without a tag, the owner is then fined.
3. If a person apply for a license puts misinformation on the application, his license is to be revoked permanently.
4. The Dept of Ag should not need a search warrant to search a complaint of an unlicensed kennel.
5. When a kennel is cited, unsatisfactory on inspection, when the return inspection is completed and that same violation remains unsatisfactory, the license is to be suspended and dogs removed.
6. When a kennel is in violation of animal cruelty charges, dogs are to be removed and license revoked permanently.
7. Euthanized by a licensed vet is the only way for a kennel to get rid of a dog, not the "normal" practices of kennels, i.e. drowning, shooting or hitting over the head.
8. Commercial dog breeders, rescues, humane leagues and hobby breeders should have different regulations. Breeder dogs in a commercial kennel vs. hobby breeders are treated differently.
9. Temp control for slab temperature of no less than 35 degrees should be changed to at least 55 degrees.
10. Wire cages should totally be abolished.
11. Licensed vets only approved by Dept of Ag should be the only ones that commercial dog breeders can get to see their dogs or sign off on their health certificates. Proven evidence is shown that the breeders themselves either sign the certificates or they take them to a vet who has never seen the dog.
12. Stacking of dog cages should be forbidden.
13. If a kennel has had their license revoked, the Dept of Ag will still be able to search that property indefinitely. Kennels have been known to continue breeding dogs since they are no longer licensed know there will be no one to check out the property.

Thank you for the opportunity to be able to submit their suggestions. It is highly appreciated.

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