

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2102
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 273.327 and 273.329, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to animal care and facilities licensure and regulation, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 273.327 and 273.329, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 273.327 and 273.329, to read as follows:

273.327. No person shall operate an animal shelter, pound or dog pound, boarding
2 kennel, commercial kennel, contract kennel, pet shop, or exhibition facility, other than a limited
3 show or exhibit, or act as a dealer or commercial breeder, unless [he] **such person** has obtained
4 a license for such operations from the director. An applicant shall obtain a separate license for
5 each separate physical facility subject to sections 273.325 to 273.357 which is operated by the
6 applicant. Any person exempt from the licensing requirements of sections 273.325 to 273.357
7 may voluntarily apply for a license. Application for such license shall be made in the manner
8 provided by the director. The license shall expire annually unless revoked. As provided by rules
9 to be promulgated by the director, the license fee shall range from one hundred to five hundred
10 dollars per year. Pounds[,] **or** dog pounds [and animal shelters] shall be exempt from payment
11 of such fee. License fees shall be levied for each license issued or renewed on or after January
12 1, 1993.

273.329. 1. The director may refuse to issue or renew or may revoke a license on any
2 one or more of the following grounds:

3 (1) Material and deliberate misstatement in the application for any original license or for
4 any renewal license under sections 273.325 to 273.357;

5 (2) Disregard or violation of sections 273.325 to 273.357 or of any rules promulgated
6 pursuant thereto;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

7 (3) Conviction of any violation of any state or federal law relating to the disposition or
8 treatment of animals;

9 (4) Failure to provide adequate food, water, housing or sanitary facilities for animals
10 under the control of an animal shelter, boarding kennel, commercial breeder, commercial kennel,
11 contract kennel, dealer, pet shop, pound, or exhibitor as defined by regulations of the USDA.

12 **2. The department of agriculture shall not retain, contract with, or otherwise utilize**
13 **the services of the personnel of any nonprofit organization for the purpose of inspection**
14 **or licensing of any animal shelter, pound, or dog pound, boarding kennel, commercial**
15 **kennel, contract kennel, commercial breeder, hobby or show breeder, or pet shop under**
16 **sections 273.325 to 273.357.**

17 **3.** Operation of an animal shelter, pound or dog pound, boarding kennel, commercial
18 kennel, contract kennel, pet shop, or exhibition facility, or activity as a commercial breeder or
19 dealer without a valid license shall constitute a class A misdemeanor.

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