

HB 185 -- DOMESTIC PET CARE

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This bill creates the "Healthy Pets Act", which requires commercial breeders to maintain healthy breeding practices by completing certain requirements, as specified in the bill, on all animals used for breeding, which will be considered records of parentage on any animal resulting from a breeding pair. Commercial breeders must also complete specified requirements prior to selling any animal to an individual, dealer, or pet shop.

Dealers and pet shops may not purchase, exchange, or otherwise obtain animals from a commercial breeder that has been found to be in violation of any State or Federal law or regulation relating to the care or keeping of animals within the previous three years or has been found guilty of animal abuse or neglect. Any dealer or pet shop who knowingly purchases an animal from a commercial breeder in violation of these requirements is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and subsequent offenses may be enhanced to a class E felony. Any dealer or pet shop found guilty of a third offense will have its license revoked and be prohibited from selling animals.

Dealers may not buy, transfer, or exchange animals with a third party or final consumer without providing specified information.

Pet shops must display prominently on each enclosure the total price of the animal and certain information about the commercial breeder from which the animal was obtained.

Each animal purchased from a dealer or pet shop must be warrantied to be free from genetic or major medical conditions for one year from the date of purchase.

This bill is the same as HB 2723 (2024).