

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 864

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5 By: Senator Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF MULTIPLE DOGS OR CATS
10 TO OBTAIN LICENSES ANNUALLY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF MULTIPLE DOGS OR
15 CATS TO OBTAIN LICENSES ANNUALLY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 19 is amended to add an
22 additional section to read as follows:

23 20-19-105. Multiple dogs and cats – License requirement.

24 (a) As used in this section, “owner” means a person who:

25 (1) Has a right of property in a dog or cat;

26 (2) Keeps or harbors a dog or cat;

27 (3) Has a dog or cat in his or her care; or

28 (4) Acts as a custodian of a dog or cat.

29 (b) An owner of twelve (12) or more dogs, cats, or any combination of
30 dogs and cats shall annually obtain a license issued by the Arkansas
31 Agriculture Department.

32 (c)(1) The license fee for an owner of twelve (12) or more dogs, cats,
33 or any combination of dogs and cats is fifty dollars (\$50.00).

34 (2)(A) The license fee is waived for:

35 (i) An owner of dogs and cats who is licensed
36 through the United State Department of Agriculture; and



1 (ii) An organization that cares for dogs and cats
2 and is exempt under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as it
3 existed on January 1, 2009.

4 (B) An owner and an organization under subdivision
5 (c)(2)(A) of this section are still required to obtain a license required
6 under subsection (b) of this section.

7 (d)(1) The owner of twenty-four (24) or more dogs, cats, or any
8 combination of dogs and cats shall post a security bond with the Arkansas
9 Agriculture Department in an amount to be determined by rule promulgated by
10 the Arkansas Agriculture Department.

11 (2) The moneys received from the security bond shall be used to
12 remediate sites where dogs and cats have been abandoned.

13 (e) The following persons are not required to be licensed under this
14 section:

15 (1) A veterinarian or veterinary facility that provides services
16 under the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act, § 17-101-101 et seq.;

17 (2) A boarding, kennel, or grooming facility that acts as
18 temporary custodian of a dog or cat in exchange for compensation;

19 (3) An agency of the federal government acting under its
20 official duties;

21 (4) An agency of the state, county, municipality, or other
22 governmental or political subdivision of the state acting under its official
23 duties;

24 (5) An entity owned or managed by an agency of the state,
25 county, municipality, or other governmental or political subdivision of the
26 state that is responsible for animal control operations in its jurisdiction;
27 and

28 (6) A research facility or institution that is subject to any
29 federal law or regulation governing animal research that is in effect on
30 January 1, 2009.

31 (f)(1) An official of the department, a public health or safety
32 official, and an officer employed or appointed by an agency of the state,
33 county, municipality, or other governmental or political subdivision of the
34 state that is responsible for animal control operations in its jurisdiction,
35 upon receiving a complaint or upon his or her own motion, may investigate a
36 violation of this section during daytime hours.

