

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S 0720 General Bill, By Tedder and Zell

Summary: South Carolina Humane Dog Breeding Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HUMANE DOG BREEDING ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 47-3-1100 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO DOG BREEDING; BY ADDING SECTION 47-3-1110 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER TO BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PRESCRIBE APPLICATION STANDARDS FOR A PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER LICENSE, AND ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE INSPECTION OR REINSPECTION OF THE PREMISES, DOGS, AND RECORDS OF A PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER; BY ADDING SECTION 47-3-1120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSE IS VALID FOR TWO YEARS, AND TO GRANT THE DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY TO REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A LICENSE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 47-3-1130 SO AS TO SET COMMERCIAL STANDARDS FOR A LICENSEE AND PRESCRIBE HOUSING FACILITY AND DAILY CARE REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 47-3-1140 SO AS TO SET RECORDKEEPING STANDARDS FOR A PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER; BY ADDING SECTION 47-3-1150 SO AS TO PROVIDE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 47-3-1160 SO AS TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR SEIZURE OF DOGS KEPT IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47-3-1170 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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