

Session 122 - (2017-2018)

H 3069 General Bill, By Sottile and Mack

Summary: Commercial Kennel Operators and Certified Animal Caretakers

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL KENNEL OPERATORS AND CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKERS, TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE ACT, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO CREATE THE COMMERCIAL KENNEL AND CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKERS EXAMINERS BOARD AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERS, TERMS, POWERS, AND DUTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION, EXAMINATION, AND CERTIFICATION OF CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKERS; TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATES OF CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKERS; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF A ROSTER OF CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKERS; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO WORK AS A CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKER WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT OR TO KNOWINGLY PRESENT FALSE INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A CERTIFICATE; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON WHO IS NOT A CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKER TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL BOARDING KENNEL IN THIS STATE UNLESS THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE BOARDING KENNEL IS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKER; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A KENNEL OWNER OR OPERATOR, A CERTIFIED ANIMAL CARETAKER, OR ANOTHER PERSON TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL BOARDING KENNEL THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE PROPER CARE AND TREATMENT, INCLUDING EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE WHEN NECESSARY, ADEQUATE WATER, ADEQUATE FEED, PROPER AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, SANITIZED BEDDING, SANITIZED PRIMARY ENCLOSURES, AND SANITIZED HOUSING FACILITIES FOR ALL ANIMALS AND PETS BOARDED WITHIN THE KENNEL AT ALL TIMES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ACT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, AND FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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