

March 5, 2009

S 460. COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDERS (=H 460). Filed 3/5/09. *TO REGULATE THE COMMERCIAL BREEDING OF DOGS.* Identical to H 460, filed 3/5/09.

Intro. by Davis.

GS 19A

May 4, 2009

S 460. COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDERS. Filed 3/5/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.

July 1, 2009

S 460. PUPPY MILL BILL (NEW). Filed 3/5/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO REGULATE PUPPY MILLS.* Redefines *commercial breeder* as a person who owns or maintains 15 or more intact female dogs of breeding age and 30 or more puppies for the purpose of sale. Exempts establishments that board or train hunting, sporting, herding, show, or working dogs. Provides that the standards applicable to animal shelters will apply to commercial breeding facilities unless otherwise established. Rewrites new GS 19A-29.1(b) to provide that acting as a commercial breeder without first obtaining a license constitutes a Class 2 misdemeanor, or, in the case of a second or subsequent offense, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and to provide that animals found in the possession or custody of an unlicensed commercial breeder who has been convicted of acting as an unlicensed commercial breeder within the past five years are subject to immediate seizure and impoundment and to sale or euthanasia. Rewrites new GS 19A-29.2(a) to require commercial breeders to provide adequate veterinary care to the intact female dogs of breeding age and any puppies in their care and custody and to prohibit the breeding of an intact female dog of breeding age without an examination from a licensed veterinarian who finds that the dog is in suitable health for breeding. Amends new GS 19A-29.3 to require the director of the state's animal welfare section to consult with the county in which the animals are located before seizing animals in the possession of a commercial breeder who has failed to care for them, and to allow the director to transfer custody of those animals to the county. Also adds that the failure to meet standards of care for the animals in the commercial breeder's custody or possession is grounds for license revocation. Makes additional technical, clarifying, and conforming changes. Makes act effective May 1, 2010.

August 4, 2009

S 460. COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDER REGULATION (NEW). Filed 3/5/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE ABUSIVE PRACTICES AND PROVIDE FOR THE HUMANE CARE AND TREATMENT OF DOGS AND PUPPIES BY ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THEIR CARE AT COMMERCIAL BREEDING OPERATIONS, EXCLUDING KENNELS OR ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOARDING OR TRAINING HUNTING, SPORTING, HERDING, SHOW, OR WORKING DOGS.* Adds whereas clauses. Clarifies definition of *commercial breeder* to require owning or maintaining puppies *primarily* for the purpose of sale and to make clear that certain boarding and training establishments are not included in definition. Requires Board of Agriculture in GS 19A-24(a) to create a consumer protection registry available via the Internet to list all registered commercial breeding facilities. Eliminates additions to GS 19A-30. Amends GS 19A-25 to clarify that counties have the exclusive authority to enforce commercial breeding regulations. Amends new GS 19A-29.1 by requiring registration instead of licensing and to require commercial breeder applicants to certify compliance with applicable standards and to authorize injunctions against commercial breeders that fail to register as required by section and to eliminate reference to seizure of animals held by repeat violators of section. Amends new GS 19A-29.2 to eliminate requirement of veterinarian inspections of breeding female dogs and to eliminate references to inspections of breeders by Department of Agriculture officials and local animal control officers. Amends new GS 19A-29.3 to create fine of not less than \$50 per day per animal, deleting \$1,000 cap, and loss of registration for a criminal conviction of commercial

breeder for failure to provide adequate animal care. Removes provisions concerning the seizure or impoundment of animals.

August 6, 2009

S 460. COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDER REGULATION. Filed 3/5/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Amends GS 19A-24(a) to delete provision that directs that the standards applicable to animal shelters also apply to commercial breeding facilities unless otherwise established. Also deletes requirement that the Board of Agriculture make available on the Internet a consumer protection registry that lists all registered commercial breeding facilities.