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HOUSE BILL DRH40445-MH-1G (03/14)

Short Title: Pet Boarding Facilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Destin Hall, Bradford, Stone, and Saine (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY STAFFING STANDARDS FOR BOARDING KENNELS
3 OFFERING DOG DAY CARE SERVICES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 19A-23 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 19A-23. Definitions.

7 For the purposes of this Article, the following terms, when used in the Article or the rules
8 or orders made pursuant thereto, shall be construed respectively to mean:

9 ...

10 (6) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of
11 North Carolina.

12 (6a) "Common area" means any area within a housing facility providing an open
13 space where more than four dogs are free to exercise or play together.

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15 (10) "Housing facility" means any room, building, or area used to contain a
16 primary ~~enclosure or enclosures~~ enclosures or common areas.

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18 (13) "Primary enclosure" means any structure used to immediately restrict ~~an~~
19 ~~animal or four or fewer~~ animals to a limited amount of space, such as a
20 room, pen, cage compartment or hutch.

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22 SECTION 2. G.S. 19A-24(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

23 "(1) Establish standards for the care of animals at animal shelters, boarding
24 kennels, pet shops, and public auctions. A boarding kennel that offers dog
25 day care ~~services and services, and, as to each common area, (i) has a ratio of~~
26 ~~dogs to employees or supervisors, or both employees and supervisors,~~
27 within the housing facility of not more than 10-15 to one, one and (ii) has no
28 more than 50 dogs in any common area at any time, shall not as to such day
29 care services be subject to any regulations that ~~restrict~~ impose further
30 supervisory requirements on the number of dogs that are permitted within
31 any primary enclosure, the common area or any primary enclosure beyond a
32 requirement that at least one staffer be present in a common area at all times
33 that five or more dogs are within the common area."

34 SECTION 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

