

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by adding
5 Section 18.2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 605/18.2 new)

7 Sec. 18.2. Fire alarm system.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Fire alarm system" means a system that automatically
10 triggers notification to local emergency responders when
11 activated.

12 "Staffing plan" means a plan to staff a kennel operator
13 anytime dogs or cats are on the premises. At a minimum, a
14 staffing plan must include the kennel operator's hours of
15 operation, number of staff, names of staff, and the staff's
16 contact information. The Department may adopt rules adding
17 requirements to a staffing plan.

18 "Qualified fire inspector" means a local fire official or a
19 building inspector working for a unit of local government or
20 fire protection district who is qualified to inspect buildings
21 for fire safety or building code compliance.

22 (b) A kennel operator that maintains dogs or cats for
23 boarding and that is not staffed at all times dogs or cats are

1 on the premises shall be equipped with at least one fire alarm
2 system or fire sprinkler system in operating condition in every
3 building of the kennel operator that is used for the housing of
4 animals. The kennel operator shall certify in its license
5 application and annually certify in its license renewal that
6 either: (1) its facility has a fire alarm system or a fire
7 sprinkler system, and shall include with the application or
8 license renewal an attached description and picture of the make
9 and model of the system used; or (2) the kennel is staffed at
10 all times dogs or cats are on the premises, and shall include
11 with the application or license renewal an attached staffing
12 plan. The Department shall include this certification on each
13 application for license or license renewal.

14 (c) A qualified fire inspector may inspect a kennel
15 operator that maintains dogs and cats for boarding during the
16 course of performing routine inspections. If during a routine
17 inspection a qualified fire inspector determines that the
18 kennel operator does not have a fire alarm system or fire
19 sprinkler system the inspector may inform the Department.

20 (d) For the purposes of this Section, veterinary hospitals,
21 practices, or offices are not kennel operators.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
23 1, 2020.