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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 605/2	from Ch. 8, par. 302
225 ILCS 605/3.8	
225 ILCS 605/3.9 new	
225 ILCS 605/3.15	
225 ILCS 605/20	from Ch. 8, par. 320
225 ILCS 605/20.5	

Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Provides that a pet shop operator may offer for sale a dog or cat only if the dog or cat is obtained from an animal control facility or animal shelter. Provides that an animal control facility or animal shelter that supplies dogs or cats to pet shop operators to be offered for sale shall not be a dog breeder or a cat breeder or obtain dogs or cats from a dog breeder, a cat breeder, a person who resells dogs or cats from a breeder, or a person who sells dogs or cats at auction in exchange for payment or compensation. Defines the term "offer for sale" and modifies the definitions of "pet shop operator" and "animal shelter". Effective 180 days after becoming law.

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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 changing
5 Sections 2, 3.8, 3.15, 20 and 20.5 and by adding Section 3.9 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 605/2) (from Ch. 8, par. 302)

8 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act unless the
9 context otherwise requires:

10 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

11 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department
12 of Agriculture.

13 "Pet shop operator" means any person who sells, offers to
14 sell, exchange, or offers for adoption with or without charge
15 or donation dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, or other
16 animals customarily obtained as pets in this State at retail
17 to the public. However, a person who sells only such animals
18 that he has produced and raised shall not be considered a pet
19 shop operator under this Act, and a veterinary hospital or
20 clinic operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed
21 under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004
22 shall not be considered a pet shop operator under this Act.

23 "Dog dealer" means any person who sells, offers to sell,

1 exchange, or offers for adoption with or without charge or
2 donation dogs in this State. However, a person who sells only
3 dogs that he has produced and raised shall not be considered a
4 dog dealer under this Act, and a veterinary hospital or clinic
5 operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the
6 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 shall not
7 be considered a dog dealer under this Act.

8 "Secretary of Agriculture" or "Secretary" means the
9 Secretary of Agriculture of the United States Department of
10 Agriculture.

11 "Person" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership,
12 association or other legal entity, any public or private
13 institution, the State of Illinois, or any municipal
14 corporation or political subdivision of the State.

15 "Kennel operator" means any person who operates an
16 establishment, other than an animal control facility,
17 veterinary hospital, or animal shelter, where dogs or dogs and
18 cats are maintained for boarding, training or similar purposes
19 for a fee or compensation.

20 "Boarding" means a time frame greater than 12 hours or an
21 overnight period during which an animal is kept by a kennel
22 operator.

23 "Cat breeder" means a person who sells, offers to sell,
24 exchanges, or offers for adoption with or without charge cats
25 that he or she has produced and raised. A person who owns, has
26 possession of, or harbors 5 or less females capable of

1 reproduction shall not be considered a cat breeder.

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3 exchanges, or offers for adoption with or without charge dogs
4 that he has produced and raised. A person who owns, has
5 possession of, or harbors 5 or less females capable of
6 reproduction shall not be considered a dog breeder.

7 "Animal control facility" means any facility operated by
8 or under contract for the State, county, or any municipal
9 corporation or political subdivision of the State for the
10 purpose of impounding or harboring seized, stray, homeless,
11 abandoned or unwanted dogs, cats, and other animals. "Animal
12 control facility" also means any veterinary hospital or clinic
13 operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the
14 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 which
15 operates for the above mentioned purpose in addition to its
16 customary purposes.

17 "Animal shelter" means a facility operated, owned, or
18 maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal
19 welfare society, or other non-profit organization having
20 tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
21 Revenue Code for the purpose of providing for and promoting
22 the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of animals. An
23 organization that does not have its own building that
24 maintains animals solely in foster homes or other licensees is
25 an "animal shelter" for purposes of this Act. "Animal shelter"
26 also means any veterinary hospital or clinic operated by a

1 veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the Veterinary
2 Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 which operates for
3 the above mentioned purpose in addition to its customary
4 purposes.

5 "Day care operator" means a person who operates an
6 establishment, other than an animal control facility,
7 veterinary hospital, or animal shelter, where dogs or dogs and
8 cats are kept for a period of time not exceeding 12 hours.

9 "Foster home" means an entity that accepts the
10 responsibility for stewardship of animals that are the
11 obligation of an animal shelter or animal control facility,
12 not to exceed 4 foster animals or 2 litters under 8 weeks of
13 age at any given time. A written agreement to operate as a
14 "foster home" shall be contracted with the animal shelter or
15 animal control facility.

16 "Guard dog service" means an entity that, for a fee,
17 furnishes or leases guard or sentry dogs for the protection of
18 life or property. A person is not a guard dog service solely
19 because he or she owns a dog and uses it to guard his or her
20 home, business, or farmland.

21 "Guard dog" means a type of dog used primarily for the
22 purpose of defending, patrolling, or protecting property or
23 life at a commercial establishment other than a farm. "Guard
24 dog" does not include stock dogs used primarily for handling
25 and controlling livestock or farm animals, nor does it include
26 personally owned pets that also provide security.

1 "Return" in return to field or trap, neuter, return
2 program means to return the cat to field after it has been
3 sterilized and vaccinated for rabies.

4 "Sentry dog" means a dog trained to work without
5 supervision in a fenced facility other than a farm, and to
6 deter or detain unauthorized persons found within the
7 facility.

8 "Probationary status" means the 12-month period following
9 a series of violations of this Act during which any further
10 violation shall result in an automatic 12-month suspension of
11 licensure.

12 "Owner" means any person having a right of property in an
13 animal, who keeps or harbors an animal, who has an animal in
14 his or her care or acts as its custodian, or who knowingly
15 permits a dog to remain on any premises occupied by him or her.

16 "Owner" does not include a feral cat caretaker participating
17 in a trap, spay/neuter, vaccinate for rabies, and return
18 program.

19 "Offer for sale" means to display, sell, exchange for
20 consideration, offer for adoption, advertise for the sale of,
21 barter, auction, give away, or otherwise dispose of animals.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-842, eff. 1-1-19; 100-870, eff. 1-1-19;
23 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-295, eff. 8-9-19.)

24 (225 ILCS 605/3.8)

25 Sec. 3.8. Prohibition ~~Sourcing~~ of dogs and cats sold by

1 pet shops; recordkeeping.

2 (a) A pet shop operator may offer for sale a dog or cat
3 only if the dog or cat is obtained from an animal control
4 facility or animal shelter, located in-state or out-of-state,
5 that is in compliance with Section 3.9.

6 (b) A pet shop operator shall keep a record of each dog or
7 cat offered for sale. The record must be kept on file for a
8 period of 2 years following the acquisition of each dog or cat,
9 made available to the Department upon request, and submitted
10 to the Department on May 1 and November 1 of each year. The
11 record shall include the following:

12 (1) name, address, and phone number of the animal
13 control facility or animal shelter each dog or cat was
14 obtained from; and

15 (2) documentation from the animal control facility or
16 animal shelter each dog or cat was obtained from
17 demonstrating compliance with Section 3.9, including the
18 circumstances that led to the animal control facility or
19 animal shelter obtaining ownership of the dog or cat and
20 any other information indicating the dog or cat was not
21 obtained from a source prohibited in Section 3.9.

22 (c) In addition to the penalties set forth in Section
23 20.5, a pet shop operator that violates subsection (a) shall
24 no longer offer for sale a dog or cat regardless of where the
25 dog or cat was obtained.

26 ~~(a) A pet shop operator may not obtain a dog or cat for~~

1 ~~resale or sell or offer for sale any dog or cat obtained from a~~
2 ~~person who is required to be licensed by the pet dealer~~
3 ~~regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture~~
4 ~~under the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) if~~
5 ~~any of the following applies to the original breeder:~~

6 ~~(1) The person is not currently licensed by the United~~
7 ~~States Department of Agriculture under the federal Animal~~
8 ~~Welfare Act.~~

9 ~~(2) During the 2 year period before the day the dog or~~
10 ~~cat is received by the pet shop, the person received a~~
11 ~~direct or critical non-compliant citation on a final~~
12 ~~inspection report from the United States Department of~~
13 ~~Agriculture under the federal Animal Welfare Act.~~

14 ~~(3) During the 2 year period before the day the dog or~~
15 ~~cat is received by the pet shop, the person received 3 or~~
16 ~~more non-compliant citations on a final inspection report~~
17 ~~from the United States Department of Agriculture for~~
18 ~~violations relating to the health or welfare of the animal~~
19 ~~and the violations were not administrative in nature.~~

20 ~~(4) The person received a no-access violation on each~~
21 ~~of the 3 most recent final inspection reports from the~~
22 ~~United States Department of Agriculture.~~

23 ~~(b) A pet shop operator is presumed to have acted in good~~
24 ~~faith and to have satisfied its obligation to ascertain~~
25 ~~whether a person meets the criteria described in subsection~~
26 ~~(a) of this Section if, when placing an order to obtain a dog~~

1 ~~er cat for sale or resale, the pet shop operator conducts a~~
2 ~~search for inspection reports that are readily available of~~
3 ~~the breeder on the Animal Care Information System online~~
4 ~~search tool maintained by the United States Department of~~
5 ~~Agriculture. If inspection reports are not readily available~~
6 ~~on the United States Department of Agriculture website, the~~
7 ~~pet shop operator must obtain the inspection reports from the~~
8 ~~person or persons required to meet the criteria described in~~
9 ~~subsection (a) of this Section.~~

10 ~~(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this~~
11 ~~Section, a pet shop operator may obtain a dog or cat for resale~~
12 ~~or sell or offer for sale any dog or cat obtained from: (1) a~~
13 ~~person that sells dogs only he or she has produced and raised~~
14 ~~and who is not required to be licensed by the United States~~
15 ~~Department of Agriculture, (2) a publicly operated pound or a~~
16 ~~private non profit humane society or rescue, or (3) an animal~~
17 ~~adoption event conducted by a pound or humane society.~~

18 ~~(d) A pet shop operator shall maintain records verifying~~
19 ~~its compliance with this Section for 2 years after obtaining~~
20 ~~the dog or cat to be sold or offered for sale. Records~~
21 ~~maintained pursuant to this subsection (d) shall be open to~~
22 ~~inspection on request by a Department of Agriculture~~
23 ~~inspector.~~

24 (Source: P.A. 100-322, eff. 8-24-17.)

1 Sec. 3.9. Animal control facilities and animal shelters
2 supplying to pet shop operators.

3 (a) An animal control facility or animal shelter that
4 supplies dogs or cats to pet shop operators to be offered for
5 sale shall not be a dog breeder or a cat breeder or obtain dogs
6 or cats from a dog breeder, a cat breeder, a person who resells
7 dogs or cats from a breeder, or a person who sells dogs or cats
8 at auction in exchange for payment or compensation.

9 (b) An animal control facility or animal shelter that
10 supplies dogs or cats to pet shops to be offered for sale shall
11 provide pet shops with documentation demonstrating compliance
12 with this Section, including a description of the ownership
13 history of each dog or cat supplied, if known, the
14 circumstances that led to ownership of the dog or cat, and any
15 other information indicating the dog or cat was not obtained
16 from a source prohibited in this Section.

17 (225 ILCS 605/3.15)

18 Sec. 3.15. Disclosures for dogs and cats being sold by pet
19 shops.

20 (a) Prior to the time of sale, every pet shop operator
21 must, to the best of his or her knowledge, provide to the
22 consumer the following information on any dog or cat being
23 offered for sale:

24 (1) The retail price of the dog or cat, including any
25 additional fees or charges.

1 (2) The breed or breeds, if known, age, date of birth,
2 sex, and color of the dog or cat.

3 (3) The date and description of any inoculation or
4 medical treatment that the dog or cat received while under
5 the possession of the pet shop operator, and any
6 inoculation or medical treatment that the dog or cat
7 received while under the possession of the animal control
8 facility or animal shelter that the pet shop operator is
9 aware of.

10 (4) Sourcing information required in subsection (b) of
11 Section 3.8. The name and business address of both the dog
12 or cat breeder and the facility where the dog or cat was
13 born. If the dog or cat breeder is located in the State,
14 then the breeder's license number. If the dog or cat
15 breeder also holds a license issued by the United States
16 Department of Agriculture, the breeder's federal license
17 number.

18 (5) (Blank).

19 (6) (Blank). ~~If eligible for registration with a~~
20 ~~pedigree registry, then the name and registration numbers~~
21 ~~of the sire and dam and the address of the pedigree~~
22 ~~registry where the sire and dam are registered.~~

23 (7) If the dog or cat was returned by a customer, then
24 the date and reason for the return.

25 (8) A copy of the pet shop's policy regarding
26 warranties, refunds, or returns and an explanation of the

1 remedy under subsections (f) through (m) of this Section
2 in addition to any other remedies available at law.

3 (9) The pet shop operator's license number issued by
4 the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

5 (10) Disclosure that the dog or cat has been
6 microchipped and the microchip has been enrolled in a
7 nationally searchable database. Pet stores must also
8 disclose that the purchaser has the option to list the pet
9 store as a secondary contact on the microchip.

10 (a-5) All dogs and cats shall be microchipped by a pet shop
11 operator prior to sale.

12 (b) The information required in subsection (a) shall be
13 provided to the customer in written form by the pet shop
14 operator and shall have an acknowledgement of disclosures
15 form, which must be signed by the customer and the pet shop
16 operator at the time of sale. The acknowledgement of
17 disclosures form shall include the following:

18 (1) A blank space for the dated signature and printed
19 name of the pet shop operator, which shall be immediately
20 beneath the following statement: "I hereby attest that all
21 of the above information is true and correct to the best of
22 my knowledge."

23 (2) A blank space for the customer to sign and print
24 his or her name and the date, which shall be immediately
25 beneath the following statement: "I hereby attest that
26 this disclosure was posted on or near the cage of the dog

1 or cat for sale and that I have read all of the
2 disclosures. I further understand that I am entitled to
3 keep a signed copy of this disclosure.".

4 (c) A copy of the disclosures and the signed
5 acknowledgement of disclosures form shall be provided to the
6 customer at the time of sale and the original copy shall be
7 maintained by the pet shop operator for a period of 2 years
8 from the date of sale. A copy of the pet store operator's
9 policy regarding warranties, refunds, or returns shall be
10 provided to the customer.

11 (d) A pet shop operator shall post ~~in a conspicuous place~~
12 in writing on ~~or near~~ the cage of any dog or cat available for
13 sale the information required by subsection (a) of this
14 Section 3.15.

15 (e) If there is an outbreak of distemper, parvovirus, or
16 any other contagious and potentially life-threatening disease,
17 the pet shop operator shall notify the Department immediately
18 upon becoming aware of the disease. If the Department issues a
19 quarantine, the pet shop operator shall notify, in writing and
20 within 2 business days of the quarantine, each customer who
21 purchased a dog or cat during the 2-week period prior to the
22 outbreak and quarantine.

23 (f) A customer who purchased a dog or cat from a pet shop
24 is entitled to a remedy under this Section if:

25 (1) within 21 days after the date of sale, a licensed
26 veterinarian states in writing that at the time of sale

1 (A) the dog or cat was unfit for purchase due to illness or
2 disease, the presence of symptoms of a contagious or
3 infectious disease, or obvious signs of severe parasitism
4 that are extreme enough to influence the general health of
5 the animal, excluding fleas or ticks, or (B) the dog or cat
6 has died from a disease that existed in the dog or cat on
7 or before the date of delivery to the customer; or

8 (2) within one year after the date of sale, a licensed
9 veterinarian states in writing that the dog or cat
10 possesses a congenital or hereditary condition that
11 adversely affects the health of the dog or cat or requires
12 either hospitalization or a non-elective surgical
13 procedure or has died of a congenital or hereditary
14 condition. Internal or external parasites may not be
15 considered to adversely affect the health of the dog
16 unless the presence of the parasites makes the dog or cat
17 clinically ill. The veterinarian's statement shall
18 include:

19 (A) the customer's name and address;

20 (B) a statement that the veterinarian examined the
21 dog or cat;

22 (C) the date or dates that the dog or cat was
23 examined;

24 (D) the breed and age of the dog or cat, if known;

25 (E) a statement that the dog or cat has or had a
26 disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary

1 condition that is subject to remedy; and

2 (F) the findings of the examination or necropsy,
3 including any lab results or copies of the results.

4 (g) A customer entitled to a remedy under subsection (f)
5 of this Section may:

6 (1) return the dog or cat to the pet shop for a full
7 refund of the purchase price;

8 (2) exchange the dog or cat for another dog or cat of
9 comparable value chosen by the customer;

10 (3) retain the dog or cat and be reimbursed for
11 reasonable veterinary fees for diagnosis and treatment of
12 the dog or cat, not to exceed the purchase price of the dog
13 or cat; or

14 (4) if the dog or cat is deceased, be reimbursed for
15 the full purchase price of the dog or cat plus reasonable
16 veterinary fees associated with the diagnosis and
17 treatment of the dog or cat, not to exceed one times the
18 purchase price of the dog or cat.

19 For the purposes of this subsection (g), veterinary fees
20 shall be considered reasonable if (i) the services provided
21 are appropriate for the diagnosis and treatment of the
22 disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary condition and
23 (ii) the cost of the services is comparable to that charged for
24 similar services by other licensed veterinarians located in
25 close proximity to the treating veterinarian.

26 (h) Unless the pet shop contests a reimbursement required

1 under subsection (g) of this Section, the reimbursement shall
2 be made to the customer no later than 10 business days after
3 the pet shop operator receives the veterinarian's statement
4 under subsection (f) of this Section.

5 (i) To obtain a remedy under this Section, a customer
6 shall:

7 (1) notify the pet shop as soon as reasonably possible
8 and not to exceed 3 business days after a diagnosis by a
9 licensed veterinarian of a disease, illness, or congenital
10 or hereditary condition of the dog or cat for which the
11 customer is seeking a remedy;

12 (2) provide to the pet shop a written statement
13 provided for under subsection (f) of this Section by a
14 licensed veterinarian within 5 business days after a
15 diagnosis by the veterinarian;

16 (3) upon request of the pet shop, take the dog or cat
17 for an examination by a second licensed veterinarian; the
18 customer may either choose the second licensed
19 veterinarian or allow the pet shop to choose the second
20 veterinarian, if the pet shop agrees to do so. The party
21 choosing the second veterinarian shall assume the cost of
22 the resulting examination; and

23 (4) if the customer requests a reimbursement of
24 veterinary fees, provide to the pet shop an itemized bill
25 for the disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary
26 condition of the dog or cat for which the customer is

1 seeking a remedy.

2 (j) A customer is not entitled to a remedy under this
3 Section if:

4 (1) the illness or death resulted from: (A)
5 maltreatment or neglect by the customer; (B) an injury
6 sustained after the delivery of the dog or cat to the
7 customer; or (C) an illness or disease contracted after
8 the delivery of the dog or cat to the customer;

9 (2) the customer does not carry out the recommended
10 treatment prescribed by the veterinarian who made the
11 diagnosis; or

12 (3) the customer does not return to the pet shop all
13 documents provided to register the dog or cat, unless the
14 documents have already been sent to the registry
15 organization.

16 (k) A pet shop may contest a remedy under this Section by
17 having the dog or cat examined by a second licensed
18 veterinarian pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (i) of
19 this Section if the dog or cat is still living. If the dog or
20 cat is deceased, the pet shop may choose to have the second
21 veterinarian review any records provided by the veterinarian
22 who examined or treated the dog or cat for the customer before
23 its death.

24 If the customer and the pet shop have not reached an
25 agreement within 10 business days after the examination of the
26 medical records and the dog or cat, if alive, or the dog's or

1 cat's medical records, if deceased, by the second
2 veterinarian, then:

3 (1) the customer may bring suit in a court of
4 competent jurisdiction to resolve the dispute; or

5 (2) if the customer and the pet shop agree in writing,
6 the parties may submit the dispute to binding arbitration.

7 If the court or arbiter finds that either party acted in
8 bad faith in seeking or denying the requested remedy, then the
9 offending party may be required to pay reasonable attorney's
10 fees and court costs of the adverse party.

11 (1) This Section shall not apply to any adoption of dogs or
12 cats, including those in which a pet shop or other
13 organization rents or donates space to facilitate the
14 adoption.

15 (m) If a pet shop offers its own warranty on a pet, a
16 customer may choose to waive the remedies provided under
17 subsection (f) of this Section in favor of choosing the
18 warranty provided by the pet shop. If a customer waives the
19 rights provided by subsection (f), the only remedies available
20 to the customer are those provided by the pet shop's warranty.
21 For the statement to be an effective waiver of the customer's
22 right to refund or exchange the animal under subsection (f),
23 the pet shop must provide, in writing, a statement of the
24 remedy under subsection (f) that the customer is waiving as
25 well as a written copy of the pet shop's warranty. For the
26 statement to be an effective waiver of the customer's right to

1 refund or exchange the animal under subsection (f), it shall
2 be substantially similar to the following language:

3 "I have agreed to accept the warranty provided by the
4 pet shop in lieu of the remedies under subsection (f) of
5 Section 3.15 of the Animal Welfare Act. I have received a
6 copy of the pet shop's warranty and a statement of the
7 remedies provided under subsection (f) of Section 3.15 of
8 the Animal Welfare Act. This is a waiver pursuant to
9 subsection (m) of Section 3.15 of the Animal Welfare Act
10 whereby I, the customer, relinquish any and all right to
11 return the animal for congenital and hereditary disorders
12 provided by subsection (f) of Section 3.15 of the Animal
13 Welfare Act. I agree that my exclusive remedy is the
14 warranty provided by the pet shop at the time of sale."

15 (Source: P.A. 100-322, eff. 8-24-17.)

16 (225 ILCS 605/20) (from Ch. 8, par. 320)

17 Sec. 20. Any person violating any provision of this Act,
18 other than a violation of Section 3.8 of this Act, or any rule,
19 regulation, or order of the Department issued pursuant to this
20 Act is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and every day a
21 violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

22 (Source: P.A. 89-178, eff. 7-19-95.)

23 (225 ILCS 605/20.5)

24 Sec. 20.5. Administrative fines. The following

1 administrative fines shall ~~may~~ be imposed by the Department
2 upon any person or entity who violates any provision of this
3 Act or any rule adopted by the Department under this Act:

4 (1) For the first violation, a fine of \$500 ~~\$1,000~~.

5 (2) For a second violation that occurs within 3 ~~2~~
6 years after the first violation, a fine of \$1,000 ~~\$2,500~~.

7 (3) For a third violation that occurs within 3 ~~2~~ years
8 after the first violation, mandatory probationary status
9 and a fine of \$2,500 ~~\$3,000~~.

10 If a person or entity fails or refuses to pay an
11 administrative fine authorized by this Section, the Department
12 may prohibit that person or entity from renewing a license
13 under this Act until the fine is paid in full. Any penalty of
14 \$500 or more not paid within 120 days of issuance by the
15 Department shall be submitted to the Department of Revenue for
16 collection as provided under the Illinois State Collection Act
17 of 1986.

18 (Source: P.A. 101-295, eff. 8-9-19.)

19 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
20 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect 180 days
22 after becoming law.