



SJ0056HAM001

LRB096 12143 ASK 27335 a

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Joint Resolution 56 by
3 replacing everything after the heading with following:

4 "WHEREAS, Illinois citizens have the right to purchase
5 quality purebred dogs, produced by responsible breeders; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to preventing dogs from
7 being housed in breeding facilities or pet stores that are
8 overcrowded, unsanitary, and lacking proper shelter and care;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Breeding facilities with unsanitary conditions
11 create the potential for soil and groundwater contamination,
12 the spread of zoonotic parasites and infectious diseases, and
13 the sale of sick and dying animals to the public; therefore, be
14 it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is established a Joint Task Force
4 on Breeders and Pet Stores to investigate and make
5 recommendations regarding these 2 industries; issues that may
6 be examined include, but are not limited to the following: (1)
7 humane care and treatment for dogs at pet stores and breeding
8 facilities, (2) creating more specific requirements for indoor
9 and outdoor kennel facilities to ensure the health and welfare
10 of dogs used for commercial purposes, (3) establishing more
11 detailed specifications so that indoor and outdoor facilities
12 provide dogs with proper shelter, temperature control,
13 ventilation, air movement, lighting, bedding, sanitation,
14 slope of ground and run, and flooring materials, (4) creating
15 more detailed record keeping requirements for breeders and pet
16 stores, (5) ensuring that consumers are provided adequate
17 information prior to the time of sale of dogs, (6) ensuring
18 that dogs being sold are healthy, and (7) amending animal
19 welfare laws to address these specific issues as well as
20 related yet broader issues that could be addressed through such
21 laws; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the members of the Joint Task Force shall
23 include: one member appointed by the President of the Senate;
24 one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one
25 member appointed by the Speaker of the House; one member

1 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; the Director of
2 Agriculture or his or her designee, who shall serve as the
3 Chairperson; the Director of Agriculture shall appoint 5
4 members to represent the animal welfare community, including 2
5 members from national organizations and 3 members representing
6 the shelter community and animal rescue community; the Director
7 of Agriculture shall also appoint one member representing the
8 small scale breeding community, one member representing the
9 sporting dog community, one member representing the large scale
10 breeding community, one member representing the pet store
11 industry, and one member representing the Illinois
12 Veterinarians; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That that the Department of Agriculture shall
14 provide administrative and other support to the Joint Task
15 Force and meet at the call of the chairperson; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Director of Agriculture or his or her
18 designee shall serve as the Chairperson; the Joint Task Force
19 shall have a minimum of 3 meetings; and the members shall serve
20 without compensation; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force shall report its
22 findings and legislative recommendations to the Secretary of
23 the Senate and the Clerk of the House by January 1, 2010; and

1 that upon filing its report the Joint Task Force is dissolved;
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
4 the Director of the Department of Agriculture.".