

# HOUSE BILL No. 5609

May 28, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Schor and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1919 PA 339, entitled "Dog law of 1919," by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 287.261), as amended by 1996 PA 63, and by adding section 30a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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TITLE

An act relating to ~~dogs and~~ **DOMESTIC ANIMALS USED AS PETS; TO PROVIDE FOR** the protection of ~~live stock~~ **LIVESTOCK** and poultry from damage by dogs; ~~providing~~ **TO PROVIDE** for the licensing of dogs **AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS; regulating **TO REGULATE** the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; ~~providing~~ **TO PROVIDE** for the determination and payment of damages done by dogs to ~~live stock~~ **LIVESTOCK** and poultry; ~~imposing~~ **TO PRESCRIBE THE** powers and duties ~~on~~ **OF** certain state, county, city, and township**

1 ~~AGENCIES, officers, and employes, and to repeal Act No. 347 of the~~  
 2 ~~Public Acts of 1917, and providing~~ **EMPLOYEES; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN**  
 3 **LOCAL ORDINANCES; AND TO PRESCRIBE** penalties for the violation of  
 4 this act.

5 Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
 6 ~~"dog law of 1919".~~ **"PET LAW"**.

7 (2) For the purpose of this act:

8 (a) "Livestock" means horses, stallions, colts, geldings,  
 9 mares, sheep, rams, lambs, bulls, bullocks, steers, heifers, cows,  
 10 calves, mules, jacks, jennets, burros, goats, kids and swine, and  
 11 fur-bearing animals being raised in captivity.

12 (B) **"MINIATURE GOAT" MEANS THOSE TYPES OF GOATS COMMONLY KNOWN**  
 13 **AS PYGMY, DWARF, AND MINIATURE GOATS.**

14 (C) ~~(b)~~ "Poultry" means all domestic fowl, ornamental birds,  
 15 and game birds possessed or being reared under authority of a  
 16 breeder's license pursuant to part 427 ~~(breeders and dealers)~~ of  
 17 the natural resources and environmental protection act, ~~Act No. 451~~  
 18 ~~of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.42701 to 324.42714~~  
 19 ~~of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.42701 TO~~  
 20 ~~324.42714.~~

21 (D) ~~(c)~~ "Owner" when applied to the proprietorship of a dog  
 22 means every person ~~having~~ **WHO HAS** a right of property in the dog,  
 23 ~~and every person who keeps or harbors the dog or has it in his~~ **THE**  
 24 **PERSON'S** care, ~~and every person OR~~ who permits the dog to remain on  
 25 or about any premises occupied by ~~him~~ **THE PERSON.**

26 (E) ~~(d)~~ "Kennel" means any establishment wherein or whereon  
 27 dogs are kept for the purpose of breeding, sale, or sporting

1 purposes.

2 (F) ~~(e)~~—"Law enforcement officer" means any person employed or  
3 elected by the people of the state, or by any municipality, county,  
4 or township, whose duty it is to preserve peace or to make arrests  
5 or to enforce the law, and includes conservation officers and  
6 members of the state police.

7 (G) ~~(f)~~—"Hunting" means allowing a dog to range freely within  
8 sight or sound of its owner while in the course of hunting legal  
9 game or an unprotected animal.

10 SEC. 30A. A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT AN  
11 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF MINIATURE  
12 GOATS THAT ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A FARM OR FARM OPERATION.

13 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "FARM" AND "FARM OPERATION" MEAN  
14 THOSE TERMS AS THEY ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE MICHIGAN RIGHT  
15 TO FARM ACT, 1981 PA 93, MCL 286.472.