

SENATE BILL No. 1214

May 13, 2004, Introduced by Senator CASSIS and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1969 PA 287, entitled

"An act to regulate pet shops, animal control shelters, and animal protection shelters; to establish uniform procedures and minimum requirements for adoption of dogs, cats, and ferrets; and to prescribe penalties and civil fines and to provide remedies,"

by amending section 4 (MCL 287.334), as amended by 2003 PA 83.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. (1) Applications for pet shop licenses shall be on
2 a form as provided or made available by the director. Beginning
3 October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2007, the director shall
4 issue pet shop licenses for a term of 1 year beginning January 1
5 of each year. Until October 1, 2003 or after September 30, 2007,
6 the director shall issue a pet shop license upon application and
7 payment of a license fee of \$150.00.

8 (2) Beginning October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2007, the
9 department shall charge a fee of \$200.00 for an initial
10 application for a pet shop license and a fee of \$100.00 for

1 renewal of a pet shop license.

2 (3) The following apply only to licenses issued beginning
3 October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2007:

4 (a) A license issued before ~~the effective date of the~~
5 ~~amendatory act that added this subsection~~ **July 23, 2003** expires
6 on December 31, 2003, except that a license issued in the 2003
7 calendar year expires on December 31, 2004.

8 (b) Beginning January 1, 2004 and except as otherwise
9 provided for in this section, a pet shop license is renewable by
10 submission of a completed renewal application provided or made
11 available by the department and payment of the renewal fee
12 described in subsection (2).

13 (4) **Beginning the effective date of the amendatory act that**
14 **added this subsection, the department shall issue an initial or**
15 **renewal pet shop license not later than 6 months after the**
16 **applicant files a completed application. If the application is**
17 **considered incomplete by the department, the department shall**
18 **notify the applicant in writing within 10 days after receipt of**
19 **the incomplete application, describing the deficiency and**
20 **requesting the additional information. The 6-month period is**
21 **tolled upon notification by the department of a deficiency until**
22 **the date the requested information is received by the**
23 **department.**

24 (5) If the department fails to issue or deny a license within
25 the time required by this section, the department shall return
26 the license fee and shall reduce the license fee for the
27 applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15%. The

1 department shall not discriminate against an applicant in the
2 processing of the application based upon the fact that the
3 application fee was refunded or discounted under this
4 subsection.

5 (6) Beginning January 31, 2005, the director of the
6 department shall submit a report by January 31 of each year to
7 the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the
8 senate and house of representatives concerned with agriculture
9 issues. The director shall include all of the following
10 information in the report concerning the preceding calendar
11 year:

12 (a) The number of initial and renewal applications the
13 department received and completed within the 6-month time period
14 described in subsection (4).

15 (b) The number of applications requiring a request for
16 additional information.

17 (c) The average time for an applicant to respond to a request
18 for additional information.

19 (d) The number of applications rejected, categorized by
20 reason for rejection.

21 (e) The amount of money returned to licensees and registrants
22 under subsection (5).

23 (f) The number of applications not issued within the 6-month
24 period.

25 (g) The average processing time for initial and renewal
26 applications.