

HOUSE BILL No. 6370

August 13, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Calley and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1919 PA 339, entitled
"Dog law of 1919,"
by amending section 6 (MCL 287.266), as amended by 2000 PA 438, and
by adding section 6b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 6. (1) The owner of a dog that is 4 or more months old
2 shall apply to the treasurer of the county or, except as provided
3 in section 14, the treasurer of the township or city where the
4 owner resides, or to the treasurer's authorized agent, for a
5 license for each dog owned or kept by him or her.

6 (2) Unless the county board of commissioners adopts a
7 resolution under subsection (3), the owner shall apply for a
8 license annually on or before March 1.

9 (3) The county board of commissioners of a county may adopt a

1 resolution during the 60-day period before the beginning of the
2 county's fiscal year providing when the owner of a dog that is
3 required to be licensed under subsection (1) must apply for a
4 license. Before adopting the resolution, the county board of
5 commissioners shall obtain the county treasurer's written approval
6 of the resolution. Subject to subsection (4), the resolution shall
7 provide for 1 of the following:

8 (a) That the owner apply for a license by March 1 every year
9 or every third year, at the owner's option.

10 (b) That the owner apply for a license by June 1 every year.

11 (c) That the owner apply for a license by June 1 every year or
12 every third year, at the owner's option.

13 (d) That the owner apply for a license by the last day of the
14 month of the dog's current rabies vaccination, every year.

15 (e) That the owner apply for a license by the last day of the
16 month of the dog's current rabies vaccination, every third year.

17 (f) That the owner apply for a license by 1 of the following,
18 at the owner's option:

19 (i) The last day of the month of the dog's current rabies
20 vaccination every year.

21 (ii) The last day of the month of the dog's current rabies
22 vaccination, every third year.

23 (4) A resolution adopted under subsection (3) shall include
24 necessary provisions for conversion to a new licensing schedule.
25 The resolution may extend the effective period of outstanding
26 licenses but shall not shorten the effective period of outstanding
27 licenses or prorate license fees.

1 (5) The application shall state the breed, sex, age, color,
2 and markings of the dog, and the name and address of the last
3 previous owner. The application for a license shall be accompanied
4 by a valid certificate of a current vaccination for rabies, with a
5 vaccine licensed by the United States department of agriculture,
6 signed by an accredited veterinarian. The certificate for
7 vaccination for rabies shall state the month and year of expiration
8 for the rabies vaccination, in the veterinarian's opinion. A
9 license shall not be issued under subsection (3)(d), (e), or (f) if
10 the dog's current rabies vaccination will expire more than 1 month
11 before the date on which that license would expire. ~~When~~**EXCEPT AS**
12 **OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, WHEN** applying for a license, the owner
13 shall pay the license fee provided for in the county budget. The
14 county board of commissioners may set license fees in the county
15 budget at a level sufficient to pay all the county's expenses of
16 administering this act as it pertains to dogs. For a spayed or
17 neutered dog, the license fee, if any, shall be set lower than the
18 license fee for a dog that is not spayed or neutered. In addition,
19 the license fee may be set higher for a delinquent application than
20 for a timely application.

21 (6) If a dog is licensed before it becomes 5 months old and is
22 subsequently spayed or neutered before it becomes 7 months old, the
23 owner of the dog may exchange the license for a license for a
24 spayed or neutered dog and receive a refund for the difference in
25 the cost of the licenses. The owner shall exchange the license
26 before the dog becomes 7 months old.

27 (7) Subsection (6) applies in a county only if the county

1 board of commissioners adopts a resolution to that effect during
2 the 60-day period before the beginning of the county's fiscal year.
3 Before adopting the resolution, the county board of commissioners
4 shall obtain the county treasurer's written approval of the
5 resolution.

6 (8) The owner of a dog that is required to be licensed under
7 this section shall keep the dog currently vaccinated against rabies
8 by an accredited veterinarian with a vaccine licensed by the United
9 States department of agriculture.

10 **SEC. 6B. (1) A QUALIFIED DISABLED VETERAN IS NOT SUBJECT TO**
11 **ANY FEE FOR LICENSING HIS OR HER DOG, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 2 DOGS.**

12 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

13 (A) "QUALIFIED DISABLED VETERAN" MEANS A VETERAN WITH A
14 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.

15 (B) "SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY" MEANS A DISABILITY INCURRED
16 OR AGGRAVATED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL,
17 MARINE, COAST GUARD, OR AIR SERVICE AS DESCRIBED IN 38 USC 101(16).

18 (C) "VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON WHO SERVED IN THE ACTIVE
19 MILITARY, NAVAL, MARINE, COAST GUARD, OR AIR SERVICE AND WHO WAS
20 DISCHARGED OR RELEASED FROM HIS OR HER SERVICE WITH AN HONORABLE OR
21 GENERAL DISCHARGE.