HOUSE BILL No. 4786

June 20, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Hughes, Marino, Lucido, Graves, Crawford, Sheppard, Kesto, Barrett, Faris, Kosowski, Bizon, Vaupel, Howrylak, Canfield, Glenn, Inman, Kelly, Pagel and Noble and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1919 PA 339, entitled "Dog law of 1919,"

by amending section 6 (MCL 287.266), as amended by 2010 PA 18.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 6. (1) The owner of a dog that is 4 or more months old shall apply to the treasurer of the county or, except as provided in section 14, the treasurer of the township or city where the owner resides, or to the treasurer's authorized agent, for a license for each dog owned or kept by him or her.
 - (2) Unless the county board of commissioners adopts a resolution under subsection (3), the owner shall apply for a license annually on or before March 1.
 - (3) The county board of commissioners of a county may adopt a

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- 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) SECTION 2 must apply
- 4 for a 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 MUST 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 MUST
- 24 include necessary provisions for conversion to a new licensing
- 25 schedule. The resolution may extend the effective period of
- 26 outstanding licenses but shall MUST not shorten the effective
- 27 period of outstanding licenses or prorate license fees.

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1 (5) The application shall MUST state the breed, sex, age, 2 color, and markings of the dog, and the name and address of the last previous owner. Except as otherwise provided in this 3 4 subsection, the application for a license shall MUST be accompanied 5 by a valid certificate of a current vaccination for rabies, with a 6 vaccine licensed by the United States department of agriculture, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, signed by an accredited veterinarian. 7 The certificate for vaccination for rabies shall MUST state the 8 9 month and year of expiration for the rabies vaccination, in the 10 veterinarian's opinion. If the application for a license is 11 submitted electronically, the owner of the dog is not required to 12 provide a valid certificate of a current vaccination for rabies if 13 the dog was licensed the previous year and the dog's current rabies 14 vaccination on record with the treasurer of the county or, except as provided in section 14, the treasurer of the township or city 15 where the owner resides, or the treasurer's authorized agent, is 16 17 still valid. A license shall MUST not be issued IN A COUNTY THAT HAS ADOPTED A PROVISION DESCRIBED under subsection (3)(d), (e), or 18 19 (f) if the dog's current rabies vaccination will expire more than 1 20 month before the date on which that license would expire. When 21 applying for a license, the owner shall pay the license fee 22 provided for in the county budget. The county board of 23 commissioners may set license fees in the county budget at a level 24 sufficient to pay all the county's expenses of administering this 25 act as it pertains to dogs. For a spayed or neutered dog, the 26 license fee, if any, shall MUST be set lower than the license fee 27 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered. In addition, the license

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- House Bill No. 4786 as amended December 13, 2018
- 1 fee may be set higher for a delinquent application than for a
- 2 timely application.
- 3 (6) THE APPLICATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5) MAY INCLUDE A
- 4 PLACE FOR THE OWNER TO INDICATE WHETHER HE OR SHE WISHES TO MAKE A
- 5 CONTRIBUTION [] TO THE VETERANS SERVICE DOG FUND
- 6 CREATED IN THE VETERANS SERVICE DOG ACT. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS
- 7 SUBSECTION, THE TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OR, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
- 8 SECTION 14, THE TREASURER OF THE TOWNSHIP OR CITY WHERE THE OWNER
- 9 RESIDES, OR THE TREASURER'S AUTHORIZED AGENT, SHALL FORWARD MONEY
- 10 RECEIVED AS A CONTRIBUTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO THE STATE
- 11 TREASURER. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE
- 12 VETERANS SERVICE DOG FUND CREATED IN THE VETERANS SERVICE DOG ACT.
- 13 A COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, OR CITY MAY RETAIN UP TO 1% OF THE MONEY
- 14 COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.
- 15 (7) (6)—If a dog is licensed before it becomes 5 months old
- 16 and is subsequently spayed or neutered before it becomes 7 months
- 17 old, the owner of the dog may exchange the license for a license
- 18 for a spayed or neutered dog and receive a refund for the
- 19 difference in the cost of the licenses. The owner shall exchange
- 20 the license before the dog becomes 7 months old.
- 21 (8) $\frac{(7)}{(7)}$ Subsection $\frac{(6)}{(7)}$ applies in a county only if the
- 22 county board of commissioners adopts a resolution to that effect
- 23 during the 60-day period before the beginning of the county's
- 24 fiscal year. Before adopting the resolution, the county board of
- 25 commissioners shall obtain the county treasurer's written approval
- 26 of the resolution.
- 27 (9) $\frac{(8)}{}$ The owner of a dog that is required to be licensed

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- 1 under this section 2 shall keep the dog currently vaccinated
- 2 against rabies by an accredited veterinarian with a vaccine
- 3 licensed by the United States department of agriculture.DEPARTMENT
- 4 OF AGRICULTURE.
- 5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 6 after the date it is enacted into law.
- 7 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 8 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4785 (request no.
- 9 01928'17) of the 99th Legislature is enacted into law.

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