

HOUSE BILL 912

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Retail Pet Stores – Required Records for Dogs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a retail pet store that sells dogs to post conspicuously on
4 each dog's cage certain information about the dog; requiring a retail pet store to
5 maintain a written record which contains certain information about each dog in
6 the possession of the retail pet store; requiring a retail pet store to maintain a
7 certain record for a certain period of time after the date of sale of a dog;
8 requiring a retail pet store to make certain records available for inspection by
9 the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation under certain
10 circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to required
11 records for retail pet stores.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Business Regulation
14 Section 19–701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Retail Pet Stores”
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Business Regulation**

20 **SUBTITLE 7. RETAIL PET STORES.**

21 **19–701.**

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “RETAIL PET STORE” MEANS A FOR PROFIT
23 ESTABLISHMENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT SELLS OR OFFERS FOR SALE
24 DOMESTIC ANIMALS TO BE KEPT AS HOUSEHOLD PETS.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A RETAIL PET STORE THAT SELLS DOGS SHALL:**

2 **(1) POST CONSPICUOUSLY ON EACH DOG'S CAGE:**

3 **(I) THE BREED, AGE, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE DOG, IF**
4 **KNOWN;**

5 **(II) THE STATE IN WHICH THE BREEDER OR DEALER OF THE**
6 **DOG IS LOCATED; AND**

7 **(III) THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
8 **LICENSE NUMBER OF THE BREEDER OR DEALER, IF REQUIRED;**

9 **(2) MAINTAIN A WRITTEN RECORD THAT INCLUDES THE**
10 **FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT EACH DOG IN THE POSSESSION OF THE**
11 **RETAIL PET STORE:**

12 **(I) THE BREED, AGE, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE DOG, IF**
13 **KNOWN;**

14 **(II) THE SEX, COLOR, AND ANY IDENTIFYING MARKINGS OF**
15 **THE DOG;**

16 **(III) DOCUMENTATION OF ALL INOCULATIONS, WORMING**
17 **TREATMENTS, AND OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENTS, IF KNOWN, INCLUDING THE**
18 **DATE OF THE MEDICAL TREATMENT, THE DIAGNOSES, AND THE NAME AND**
19 **TITLE OF THE TREATMENT PROVIDER;**

20 **(IV) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF:**

21 **1. THE BREEDER OR DEALER AND THE FACILITY**
22 **WHERE THE DOG WAS BORN; AND**

23 **2. THE TRANSPORTER OR CARRIER OF THE DOG, IF**
24 **ANY;**

25 **(V) THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
26 **LICENSE NUMBER OF THE BREEDER OR DEALER, IF REQUIRED;**

27 **(VI) ANY IDENTIFIER INFORMATION, INCLUDING A TAG,**
28 **TATTOO, COLLAR NUMBER, OR MICROCHIP; AND**

1 (VII) IF THE DOG IS BEING SOLD AS REGISTERED OR
2 REGISTRABLE:

3 1. THE NAMES AND REGISTRATION NUMBERS OF THE
4 SIRE AND DAM; AND

5 2. THE LITTER NUMBER; AND

6 (3) FOR EACH DOG ACQUIRED BY THE RETAIL PET STORE,
7 MAINTAIN A WRITTEN RECORD OF THE HEALTH, STATUS, AND DISPOSITION OF
8 THE DOG, INCLUDING ANY DOCUMENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF
9 SALE.

10 (C) A RETAIL PET STORE SHALL MAINTAIN A COPY OF THE RECORDS
11 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR
12 AFTER THE DATE OF SALE OF THE DOG.

13 (D) ON REASONABLE NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, A RETAIL PET
14 STORE SHALL MAKE THE RECORDS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
15 SECTION AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2011.