

# HOUSE BILL No. 6211

June 12, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Wentworth, Lauwers, Victory, Vaupel, Alexander, Howell and Calley and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 2000 PA 246, entitled "Wolf-dog cross act," by amending section 2 (MCL 287.1002), as amended by 2016 PA 299.

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

1           Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Animal control officer" means a county animal control  
3 officer as described in sections 29a and 29b of the dog law of  
4 1919, 1919 PA 339, MCL 287.289a and 287.289b, or a city, village,  
5 or township animal control officer as described in section 29c of  
6 the dog law of 1919, 1919 PA 339, MCL 287.289c.

7           (b) "Animal control shelter" or "animal protection shelter"  
8 means an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter,  
9 respectively, registered with the department ~~as prescribed under~~

1 section 6 of 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.336.

2 (c) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural  
3 development.

4 (d) "Dog" means an animal of the species *Canis familiaris* or  
5 *Canis lupus familiaris*.

6 (e) "Expert on wolf-dog cross identification" means an  
7 individual who has, cumulatively, no fewer than 10 years of  
8 training and field experience in wolf and wolf-dog cross behavioral  
9 and morphological characteristics and who is recognized as an  
10 expert at the state and national levels by others in the same  
11 field.

12 (f) "Facility" means an indoor or outdoor cage, pen, or  
13 similar enclosure where a wolf-dog cross is kept.

14 (g) "Law enforcement officer" means:

15 (i) A sheriff or sheriff's deputy.

16 (ii) A village or township marshal.

17 (iii) An officer of the police department of a city, village,  
18 or township.

19 (iv) An officer of the Michigan state police.

20 (v) A peace officer who is trained and licensed or certified  
21 under the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act,  
22 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615.

23 (vi) A conservation officer appointed by the department of  
24 natural resources.

25 (vii) An animal control officer.

26 (viii) A law enforcement officer of the federal government  
27 authorized to enforce any federal law regulating animals.

1 (h) "Livestock" means that term as defined in section 5-3 of  
2 the animal industry act, 1988 PA 466, MCL ~~287.705-287.703~~.

3 (i) "Local unit" means a city, village, township, or county.

4 (j) "Permit" means a permit issued under section 4.

5 (k) "Permitting agency" means the agency of a local unit that  
6 issues permits under section 4.

7 (l) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
8 association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

9 (m) "Pet shop" means a pet shop licensed by the department as  
10 prescribed under section 3 of 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.333.

11 (n) "Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice  
12 veterinary medicine under article 15 of the public health code,  
13 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

14 (o) "Wolf" means an animal of the species *Canis rufus* or *Canis*  
15 *lupus*, but does not include an animal of the species *Canis lupus*  
16 *familiaris*.

17 (p) "Wolf-dog cross" means a canid resulting from the breeding  
18 of any of the following:

19 (i) A wolf with a dog.

20 (ii) A wolf-dog cross with a wolf.

21 (iii) A wolf-dog cross with a dog.

22 (iv) A wolf-dog cross with a wolf-dog cross.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
24 after the date it is enacted into law.

25 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
26 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 6205 (request no.  
27 04193'17) of the 99th Legislature is enacted into law.