

# HOUSE BILL No. 4511

March 22, 2001, Introduced by Reps. DeVuyst, Patterson, Howell, Sanborn, Birkholz, Richardville and Richner and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

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 1 (MCL 287.331), as amended by 1997 PA 7.

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

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Adoption" means a transfer of ownership, with or with-  
3 out remuneration, of a dog, cat, or ferret from an animal control  
4 shelter or animal protection shelter to an individual for the  
5 purpose of being a companion animal for that individual. As used  
6 in this subdivision, a companion animal includes but is not  
7 limited to a dog that is used for hunting or as a guard dog.

1 (b) "Alteration" means a professional sterilization  
2 procedure performed by a veterinarian that renders a dog, cat, or  
3 ferret incapable of reproducing.

4 (c) "Altered", in reference to a dog, cat, or ferret, means  
5 having undergone alteration.

6 (d) "Animal" means a mammal AND NONFURBEARING ANIMALS,  
7 except livestock as defined in 1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121 to  
8 287.131, and rodents.

9 (e) "Animal control shelter" means a facility operated by a  
10 municipality for the impoundment and care of animals that are  
11 found in the streets or at large, animals that are otherwise held  
12 due to the violation of a municipal ordinance or state law, or  
13 animals that are surrendered to ~~the animal control shelter~~ THAT  
14 FACILITY.

15 (f) "Animal protection shelter" means a facility operated by  
16 a person, humane society, society for the prevention of cruelty  
17 to animals, or any other nonprofit organization for the care of  
18 homeless animals.

19 (g) "Cat" means a domestic cat of any age of the species  
20 felis catus.

21 (h) "Department" means the ~~state~~ MICHIGAN department of  
22 agriculture.

23 (i) "Director" means the director of the department or his  
24 or her authorized representative.

25 (j) "Dog" means a domestic dog of any age of the species  
26 canis familiaris.

1 (k) "Ferret" means an animal of any age of the species  
2 mustela furo.

3 (l) "Health certificate" means a certificate in a form pre-  
4 scribed by the department in which a veterinarian attests to the  
5 age, sex, breed, and description of an animal ~~,~~ and to the fact  
6 that at the time of preparation of the certificate, the veteri-  
7 narian examined the animal and found the animal free from visual  
8 evidence of communicable disease.

9 (m) "Municipality" means a county, city, village, or  
10 township.

11 (N) "NONFURBEARING ANIMAL" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE ZOOLOGICAL  
12 CLASSES OF AMPHIBIA AND REPTILIA.

13 (O) ~~(n)~~ "Person" means an individual, partnership, corpo-  
14 ration, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

15 (P) ~~(o)~~ "Pet shop" means a place where animals are sold or  
16 offered for sale, exchange, or transfer.

17 (Q) ~~(p)~~ "Veterinarian" means ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL  
18 licensed to practice veterinary medicine under article 15 of the  
19 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.