

HB 1004 -- Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act

Sponsor: Low

This bill establishes the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act which requires persons who breed dogs for commercial purposes to provide adequate housing, shelter, food, water, exercise, living space, veterinary care, and rest between breeding cycles.

Commercial dog breeders are prohibited from breeding or raising for sale more than 50 intact dogs over four months of age at any time. Veterinarians, dog transporters, retail pet stores, and humane organizations or shelters are exempt from the provisions of the bill.

Any person violating the provisions of the bill will be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for up to 180 days, or both.

The provisions of the bill are in addition to any other state or federal laws protecting animal welfare and do not prevent any local governing body from adopting and enforcing its own animal welfare laws and rules.