

HB 131 -- Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act

Sponsor: Cox

This bill changes the laws regarding the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Renames the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act to the Dog Breeders Cruelty Prevention Act;
- (2) Removes the provisions requiring owners to provide adequate shelter from the elements, sufficient housing, sufficient space to turn and stretch freely, necessary veterinary care, and adequate rest between breeding cycles;
- (3) Increases the number of female dogs, from more than 10 to more than 100, that a breeder must own before the provisions of the act become applicable;
- (4) Removes the provision limiting dog ownership to 50 female dogs for the purpose of breeding and selling any offspring as pets; and
- (5) Removes the provision requiring water for dogs to be free of debris, feces, algae, and other contaminants.