

SENATOR FOR A DAY MOCK LEGISLATION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

NO. 5

Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY _____ October 22, 2026

REFERRED TO SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Prohibiting Puppy Mills

AN ACT

Section 1. The purpose of this act is to end the practice of commercial dog breeding operations, known as puppy mills, by setting strict standards for animal care and requiring breeder licensing.

Sections 2. Definitions.

- a. “Puppy mill” an establishment that breeds puppies for sale, typically on an intensive basis and in conditions regarded as inhumane.
- b. “Licensed breeder” an individual or entity that breeds and raises dogs, with the explicit permission and oversight of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.
- c. “Humane conditions” include adequate food, clean water, sufficient shelter, proper veterinary care and space to roam around.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any licensed breeder to fail to provide the dogs with humane conditions, have more than ten dogs over the age of 2 years at one time and breed dogs without a valid Pennsylvania license.

Section 4. Any breeding operations found to be in violation of this Act will be fined \$10,000 and must cease operations immediately of the law’s effective date.

Section 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.