

No. 328

AN ACT

SB 608

Amending the act of December 22, 1965 (P.L.1124), entitled "An act relating to dogs; regulating the keeping of dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs and kennels; providing for the protection of dogs and the detention and destruction of dogs in certain cases; regulating the sale and transportation of dogs; declaring dogs to be personal property and the subject of larceny; providing for the assessment of damages done to livestock, poultry and domestic game birds; providing for payment of damages by the Commonwealth in certain cases and the liability of the owner or keeper of dogs for such damages; imposing powers and duties on certain State and local officers and employees; providing penalties, and repealing certain acts," providing that certain fees received by the county treasurer shall be for the use of the county.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 201, 203 and 204, act of December 22, 1965 (P.L.1124), known as the "Dog Law of 1965," are amended to read:

Section 201. On or before January 15, 1966, and on or before January 15th of each year thereafter, the owner of any dog six months old or over, except as hereinafter otherwise provided, shall apply to the county treasurer of his respective county on a form prescribed by the Department of Revenue, for a license for such dog owned or kept by him. Such application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and marking of such dog, and the name and address of the last previous owner; and shall be accompanied by a license fee of one dollar (\$1) for each male dog and for each spayed female dog for which the certificate of a veterinarian or the affidavit of the owner is produced, and by a license fee of two dollars (\$2) for other female dogs, and an additional fee of twenty cents (20¢) for the issuing, recording and reporting said license fees. The county treasurers of the several counties of this Commonwealth shall be agents of the Commonwealth for the collection of said license fees. The said agents shall be allowed to retain the sum of twenty cents (20¢) from the amount paid by each licensee for **[his reimbursement of expenses incurred in issuing, recording and reporting of such licenses]** *the use of the county*. All such license fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer, through the Department of Revenue.

Section 203. The Department of Revenue shall prepare and furnish annually to the treasurer of each county of the Commonwealth, tags to be given by the county treasurer to the owners of dogs when such owners shall pay the license fee for said dogs. Such tags shall bear the name of the county where such license is issued, and a serial number corresponding with the number on the license issued to said owner, as provided in the preceding section of this act.

Such tags shall also have impressed thereon the calendar year for which

such tag is valid, and shall not contain more than one square inch of area within the ears, or fastening device. The general shape of said tag shall be changed from year to year.

If any such tag is lost, it shall be replaced by the county treasurer, upon application by the person to whom the original license was issued and upon production of such license certificate and the payment of a fee of twenty-five cents (25¢) for the use of the county [treasurer for the issuance thereof].

Section 204. Any justice of the peace, alderman, magistrate, notary public or other bonded approved agent, as authorized by the county treasurer for the convenience of the public, within the Commonwealth, who has qualified by having applied to the county treasurer of his county for and received application forms and license tags, may issue dog licenses, for which service the applicant shall pay twenty cents (20¢) in addition to the license fee prescribed as the cost of each dog license [and the compensation of the county treasurer]. All records of any such license sales shall be forwarded to the county treasurer who shall be responsible for maintaining complete county records. Application forms shall be made available to all justices of the peace, aldermen, magistrates and notaries public. Said twenty cents (20¢) shall be retained by said agent or official if he completes the application.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all county treasurers elected or appointed on or after the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November 1971.

APPROVED—The 6th day of December, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 328.


Secretary of the Commonwealth