

Dogs (Registration) Bill

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TO

Require the annual registration of dogs; to require that income from registration be used to fund the enforcement of conditions and penalties imposed on those owning and controlling dogs; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Registration scheme

- (1) The Secretary of State shall by regulations create a scheme to require all keepers of dogs to pay an annual fee to, and register their dog with, the local authority responsible for the area in which they normally reside.
- (2) A registration made in relation to this Act shall remain in force for a period of one year after which the keeper of the dog must renew the registration unless the dog has left their possession. 5
- (3) Regulations made under subsection (1) shall make provision about the circumstances under which a registration might be suspended.
- (4) Local authorities shall hold a register of dogs registered with them. 10
- (5) A register under subsection (4) shall include the information required under subsection (5), paragraphs (a), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (k) of The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2014.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (1) shall provide that failure to pay the fee or to register shall incur a fixed penalty notice issued by an authorised person. 15
- (7) Regulations under subsection (1) shall include provision to make such exemptions as the Secretary of State considers necessary including, but not limited to, exemptions for rehoming centres.

2 Fees for scheme

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations set a scale of fees for a dog registration scheme established under section 1(1) of this Act. 20

- (2) A scale established under subsection (1) may be reviewed from time to time and amended by subsequent regulations.

3 Use of fees for enforcement

The fees collected under a registration scheme established by regulations under this Act shall be used only to defray costs incurred by the relevant local authority arising out of the enforcement of this Act or other duties or services relating to dogs. 5

4 Interpretation

In this Act-

“authorised person” and “keeper” shall have the meaning given them in the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2014, and 10

“local authority” shall include the following levels of government in England-

- (a) Unitary;
- (b) Metropolitan; 15
- (c) District;
- (d) London Borough;
- (e) City of London;
- (f) Council of the Isles of Scilly.

5 Short title, extent and commencement 20

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Dogs (Registration) Act 2015.
- (2) This Act extends to England only.
- (3) This Act shall come into force one year after this Act is passed.

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