

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE BILL 612**

Short Title: Pet Boarding Facilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brock and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 5, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO CLARIFY STAFFING STANDARDS FOR BOARDING KENNELS  
OFFERING DOG DAY CARE SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 19A-23 reads as rewritten:

"§ 19A-23. **Definitions.**

For the purposes of this Article, the following terms, when used in the Article or the rules or orders made pursuant thereto, shall be construed respectively to mean:

...

(6) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of North Carolina.

(6a) "Common area" means any area within a housing facility providing an open space where more than four dogs are free to exercise or play together.

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(10) "Housing facility" means any room, building, or area used to contain a primary ~~enclosure or enclosures~~ enclosures or common areas.

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(13) "Primary enclosure" means any structure used to immediately restrict ~~an animal or~~ four or fewer animals to a limited amount of space, such as a room, pen, cage compartment or hutch.

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**SECTION 2.** G.S. 19A-24(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) Establish standards for the care of animals at animal shelters, boarding kennels, pet shops, and public auctions. A boarding kennel that offers dog day care services and as to each common area (i) has a ratio of dogs to employees or supervisors, or both employees and supervisors, supervisors within the housing facility of not more than 10-15 to one, one and (ii) has no more than 50 dogs in any common area at any time shall not as to such day care services be subject to any regulations that ~~restrict~~ impose further supervisory requirements on the number of dogs that are permitted within any primary enclosure, the common area or any primary enclosure beyond a requirement that at least one staffer be present in a common area at all times that 10 or more dogs are within the common area."

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

