

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 275**

Short Title: Deregulate Small Boarding Kennels. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Grafstein (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 13, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO DEREGULATE SMALL BOARDING KENNELS BY LIMITING PERMITTING  
REQUIREMENTS TO BOARDING KENNELS PROVIDING SERVICES TO SIX OR  
MORE ANIMALS.

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:

...

(5c) "Boarding kennel" means a facility or establishment which regularly offers to the public the service of boarding six or more of any combination of dogs or cats ~~or both~~ for a fee. Such a facility or establishment may, in addition to providing shelter, food and water, offer grooming or other services for dogs and/or cats or cats or both.

...."

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Agriculture shall amend its rules for boarding kennels consistent with the provisions of this act. In doing so, the Board may adopt temporary rules following the procedures set forth in G.S. 150B-21.1.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2025.



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