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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 103
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “**Domestic Animals – Retail Pet Stores and the Task Force to Study Canine Breeding Facilities and Sourcing Standards**”; in line 8, after “definition;” insert “establishing the Task Force to Study Canine Breeding Facilities and Sourcing Standards; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”; and in line 9, after “stores” insert “and the Task Force to Study Canine Breeding Facilities and Sourcing Standards”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with the colon in line 23 down through “(I)” in line 24; and strike beginning with “; AND” in line 25 down through “LOCATION” in line 28.

On page 3, in line 18, after “That” insert “:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Canine Breeding Facilities and Sourcing Standards.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee; and

(5) the following members, selected by the Secretary of Agriculture:

(i) a small animal veterinarian with significant experience working with canine breeders;

(ii) an expert in canine behavior with priority given to a specialist from a State university or college;

(iii) a representative of the American Kennel Club;

(iv) a representative of Bailing Out Benji;

(v) a representative of Maryland Votes for Animals;

(vi) a representative of American Humane;

(vii) a representative of the Humane Society of the United States;

(viii) an attorney with a practice concentration in animal welfare law; and

(iv) an owner of a small retail pet store.

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(c) The Governor shall request that a representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Care program participate in the Task Force.

(d) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly designate the chair of the Task Force.

(e) The Department of Agriculture shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(f) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) (1) The Task Force shall study canine breeding facilities, including online sales of canines through breeding facilities.

(2) In conducting the study required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Task Force shall:

(i) review any achievements made in the past 20 years in combating substandard canine breeding practices;

(ii) identify and assess current efforts being taken in the State, other states, and the federal government to address substandard canine breeding practices;

(iii) identify nongovernmental comprehensive standards for canine breeding and tour facilities in full compliance with those standards;

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(iv) determine if any gaps exist between current State, federal, and nongovernmental comprehensive standards for canine breeding;

(v) recommend actions necessary to harmonize canine breeding standards in the State with those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

(vi) recommend any legislative actions necessary to create standards for any person who sells or negotiates the sale or purchase of dogs in the State.

(h) On or before December 1, 2021, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That”;

and in line 19, after “2021.” insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2022, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.