

April 7, 2003

H 860. DETECTOR DOG TRAINERS (=S 1017). *TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FEES TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WITH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.* Identical to S 1017, introduced 4/3/03.

Intro. by Adams.

Ref. to Judiciary III

GS 90

July 15, 2003

H 860. DETECTOR DOG TRAINERS. Intro. 4/7/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds definition of "commercial detection service" and "drug detection dog" to GS 90-102.1(a). Transfers registration fee requirement to GS 90-101(a) and decreases fee to \$150 (was, \$160). Replaces GS 90-102.1(d) (listing conditions which shall not be prerequisites for registration) with new GS 90-102.1(c) requiring that Dep't of Health and Human Services conduct a background investigation on all dog handlers that apply for registration and require that applicant be at least 21 years of age, be of good moral character, not be convicted of any felony involving the illegal use of a controlled substance or alcoholic beverage, have the necessary qualifications to be a dog handler, and that the applicant affirm that upon registration approval, applicant will report all dog alerts to or finds of any controlled substance to a law enforcement agency. New GS 90-102.1(d) authorizes the Dep't of Justice to provide a criminal record check on applicants to the Dep't of Health and Human Services. Adds new GS 90-102.1(f) requiring that registrant maintain inventories of controlled substances and secure substances against theft. Amends GS 90-102.1(g) (disclosure of discovery of controlled substances) to require that registrant report all dog alerts or findings of a controlled substance (was, required to report substances of a certain quantity). Adds new GS 90-102.1(h) (commercial detection services; dog certification and client confidentiality) requiring that drug detection dogs used in commercial detection services be certified by an association approved by DHHS. Sec. also requires that dog handler keep all client records confidential (was, records only confidential where substance found meets certain quantity thresholds) and disclose client records in response to court orders and search warrants (was, required disclosure in response to subpoenas only). Adds new GS 90-102.1(i) authorizing DHHS to investigate violations of sec. and deny, suspend, or revoke a registration under certain circumstances. Adds new GS 90-102.1(j) providing that sec. is inapplicable to law enforcement agencies, dog handlers, and drug detection dogs employed or under contract to law enforcement agencies. Adds new sec. 3 authorizing the Comm'n for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to adopt temporary and permanent rules relating to act. Makes technical changes.

July 18, 2003

H 860. DETECTOR DOG TRAINERS. Intro. 4/7/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds requirement that drug dog handlers provide conspicuous written notice to clients at the dog handler's place of business and in the contract for services that the dog handler is required by law to notify law enforcement of any dog alert or finding of a controlled substance. Adds further similar notice requirement for anyone who contracts with a dog handler to provide commercial drug detection services.

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SL 2003-398 (H 860). DETECTOR DOG TRAINERS. *AN ACT TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FEES TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WITH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/7/03, 7/15/03, and 7/18/03. Enacted August 7, 2003. Effective August 7, 2003.