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SENATE BILL DRS45149-MH-89

Short Title: Deregulate Small Boarding Kennels. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Grafstein (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

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

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "§ 19A-23. Definitions.

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

10 ...
11 (5c) "Boarding kennel" means a facility or establishment which regularly offers to
12 the public the service of boarding six or more of any combination of dogs or
13 cats ~~or both~~ for a fee. Such a facility or establishment may, in addition to
14 providing shelter, food and water, offer grooming or other services for dogs
15 and/or cats or cats or both.

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

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

