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1 exchange, or offers for adoption with or without charge or 2 donation dogs in this State. However, a person who sells only 3 dogs that he has produced and raised shall not be considered a 4 dog dealer under this Act, and a veterinary hospital or clinic 5 operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the 6 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 shall not 7 be considered a dog dealer under this Act. 8 "Secretary of Agriculture" or "Secretary" means the 9 Secretary of Agriculture of the United States Department of 10 Agriculture. 11 "Person" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, 12 association or other legal entity, any public or private 13 institution, the State of Illinois, or any municipal 14 corporation or political subdivision of the State. 15 "Kennel operator" means any person who operates an 16 establishment, other than an animal control facility, 17

veterinary hospital, or animal shelter, where dogs or dogs and cats are maintained for boarding, training or similar purposes for a fee or compensation.

²⁰ "Boarding" means a time frame greater than 12 hours or an ²¹ overnight period during which an animal is kept by a kennel ²² operator.

²³ "Cat breeder" means a person who sells, offers to sell, ²⁴ exchanges, or offers for adoption with or without charge cats ²⁵ that he or she has produced and raised. A person who owns, has ²⁶ possession of, or harbors 5 or less females capable of

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¹ reproduction shall not be considered a cat breeder.

² "Dog breeder" means a person who sells, offers to sell, ³ exchanges, or offers for adoption with or without charge dogs ⁴ that he has produced and raised. A person who owns, has ⁵ possession of, or harbors 5 or less females capable of ⁶ reproduction shall not be considered a dog breeder. ⁷ "Animal control facility" means any facility operated by

⁷ "Animal control facility" means any facility operated by ⁸ or under contract for the State, county, or any municipal ⁹ corporation or political subdivision of the State for the ¹⁰ purpose of impounding or harboring seized, stray, homeless, ¹¹ abandoned or unwanted dogs, cats, and other animals. "Animal

12 control facility" also means any veterinary hospit Translate Website 13 operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the 14 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 which 15 operates for the above mentioned purpose in addition to its 16 customary purposes. 17 "Animal shelter" means a facility operated, owned, or 18 maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal 19 welfare society, or other non-profit organization having 20 tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal 21 <u>Revenue Code</u> for the purpose of providing for and promoting 22 the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of animals. An 23 organization that does not have its own building that 24 maintains animals solely in foster homes or other licensees is 25 an "animal shelter" for purposes of this Act. "Animal shelter"

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veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 which operates for the above mentioned purpose in addition to its customary purposes.

⁵ "Day care operator" means a person who operates an ⁶ establishment, other than an animal control facility, ⁷ veterinary hospital, or animal shelter, where dogs or dogs and ⁸ cats are kept for a period of time not exceeding 12 hours.

⁹ "Foster home" means an entity that accepts the ¹⁰ responsibility for stewardship of animals that are the ¹¹ obligation of an animal shelter or animal control facility, ¹² not to exceed 4 foster animals or 2 litters under 8 weeks of ¹³ age at any given time. A written agreement to operate as a ¹⁴ "foster home" shall be contracted with the animal shelter or ¹⁵ animal control facility.

¹⁶ "Guard dog service" means an entity that, for a fee, ¹⁷ furnishes or leases guard or sentry dogs for the protection of ¹⁸ life or property. A person is not a guard dog service solely ¹⁹ because he or she owns a dog and uses it to guard his or her ²⁰ home, business, or farmland.

²¹ "Guard dog" means a type of dog used primarily for the ²² purpose of defending, patrolling, or protecting property or ²³ life at a commercial establishment other than a farm. "Guard

- dog" does not include stock dogs used primarily for Translate Website
- ²⁵ and controlling livestock or farm animals, nor does it include
- ²⁶ personally owned pets that also provide security.

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1 "Return" in return to field or trap, neuter, return 2 program means to return the cat to field after it has been 3 sterilized and vaccinated for rabies. 4 "Sentry dog" means a dog trained to work without 5 supervision in a fenced facility other than a farm, and to 6 deter or detain unauthorized persons found within the 7 facility. 8 "Probationary status" means the 12-month period following 9 a series of violations of this Act during which any further 10 violation shall result in an automatic 12-month suspension of 11 licensure. 12 "Owner" means any person having a right of property in an 13 animal, who keeps or harbors an animal, who has an animal in 14 his or her care or acts as its custodian, or who knowingly 15 permits a dog to remain on any premises occupied by him or her. 16 "Owner" does not include a feral cat caretaker participating 17 in a trap, spay/neuter, vaccinate for rabies, and return 18 program. 19 "Offer for sale" means to sell, exchange for 20 consideration, offer for adoption, advertise for the sale of, 21 barter, auction, give away, or otherwise dispose of animals. 22 (Source: P.A. 100-842, eff. 1-1-19; 100-870, eff. 1-1-19; 23 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-295, eff. 8-9-19.) 24 (225 ILCS 605/3.8) 25 Sec. 3.8. Prohibition Sourcing of dogs and cats sold by HB1711 Engrossed - 6 -LRB102 05111 SPS 15131 b 1 pet shops; recordkeeping. 2 (a) A pet shop operator may offer for sale a dog or cat 3

- only if the dog or cat is obtained from an animal control
- ⁴ <u>facility or animal shelter, located in-state or out-of-state,</u>
- ⁵ that is in compliance with Section 3.9.

6	(b) A pet shop operator shall keep a record of Translate Website
7	cat offered for sale. The record must be kept on file for a
8	<u>period of 2 years following the acquisition of each dog or cat,</u>
9	made available to the Department upon request, and submitted
10	to the Department on May 1 and November 1 of each year. The
11	record shall include the following:
12	(1) name, address, and phone number of the animal
13	<u>control facility or animal shelter each dog or cat was</u>
14	obtained from; and
15	(2) documentation from the animal control facility or
16	animal shelter each dog or cat was obtained from
17	demonstrating compliance with Section 3.9, including the
18	circumstances that led to the animal control facility or
19	animal shelter obtaining ownership of the dog or cat and
20	any other information indicating the dog or cat was not
21	obtained from a source prohibited in Section 3.9.
22	(c) In addition to the penalties set forth in Section
23	20.5, a pet shop operator that violates subsection (a) shall
24	<u>no longer offer for sale a dog or cat regardless of where the</u>
25	dog or cat was obtained.
26	(d) Nothing in this Section prohibits a pet shop operator

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1	from providing space to an animal control facility or animal
2	shelter to showcase dogs or cats owned by these entities for
3	the purpose of adoption.
4	(a) A pet shop operator may not obtain a dog or cat for
5	resale or sell or offer for sale any dog or cat obtained from a
6	person who is required to be licensed by the pet dealer
7	regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture
8	under the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) if
9	any of the following applies to the original breeder:
10	(1) The person is not currently licensed by the United
11	States Department of Agriculture under the federal Animal
12	Welfare Act.
13	(2) During the 2-year period before the day the dog or
14	cat is received by the pet shop, the person received a
15	direct or critical non-compliant citation on a final
16	inspection report from the United States Department of
17	Agriculture under the federal Animal Welfare Act.

18	(3) During the 2-year period before the da Translate Website
19	cat is received by the pet shop, the person received 3 or
20	more non-compliant citations on a final inspection report
21	from the United States Department of Agriculture for
22	violations relating to the health or welfare of the animal
23	and the violations were not administrative in nature.
24	(4) The person received a no-access violation on each
25	of the 3 most recent final inspection reports from the
26	United States Department of Agriculture.

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1	(b) A pet shop operator is presumed to have acted in good
2	faith and to have satisfied its obligation to ascertain
3	whether a person meets the criteria described in subsection
4	(a) of this Section if, when placing an order to obtain a dog
5	or cat for sale or resale, the pet shop operator conducts a
6	search for inspection reports that are readily available of
7	the breeder on the Animal Care Information System online
8	search tool maintained by the United States Department of
9	Agriculture. If inspection reports are not readily available
10	on the United States Department of Agriculture website, the
11	pet shop operator must obtain the inspection reports from the
12	person or persons required to meet the criteria described in
13	subsection (a) of this Section.
14	(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this
15	Section, a pet shop operator may obtain a dog or cat for resale
16	or sell or offer for sale any dog or cat obtained from: (1) a
17	person that sells dogs only he or she has produced and raised
18	and who is not required to be licensed by the United States
19	Department of Agriculture, (2) a publicly operated pound or a
20	private non-profit humane society or rescue, or (3) an animal
21	adoption event conducted by a pound or humane society.
22	(d) A pet shop operator shall maintain records verifying
23	its compliance with this Section for 2 years after obtaining
24	the dog or cat to be sold or offered for sale. Records
25	maintained pursuant to this subsection (d) shall be open to
26	inspection on request by a Department of Agriculture

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1 inspector. 2 (Source: P.A. 100-322, eff. 8-24-17.) 3 (225 ILCS 605/3.9 new) 4 Sec. 3.9. Animal control facilities and animal shelters 5 supplying to pet shop operators. 6 (a) An animal control facility or animal shelter that 7 supplies dogs or cats to pet shop operators to be offered for 8 sale shall not be a dog breeder or a cat breeder or obtain dogs 9 or cats from a dog breeder, a cat breeder, a person who resells 10 dogs or cats from a breeder, or a person who sells dogs or cats 11 at auction in exchange for payment or compensation. 12 (b) An animal control facility or animal shelter that 13 supplies dogs or cats to pet shops to be offered for sale shall 14 provide pet shops with documentation demonstrating compliance 15 with this Section, including a description of the ownership 16 history of each dog or cat supplied, if known, the 17 circumstances that led to ownership of the dog or cat, and any 18 other information indicating the dog or cat was not obtained 19 from a source prohibited in this Section. 20 (225 ILCS 605/3.15) 21 Sec. 3.15. Disclosures for dogs and cats being sold by pet 22 shops. 23 (a) Prior to the time of sale, every pet shop operator 24 must, to the best of his or her knowledge, provide to the - 10 -LRB102 05111 SPS 15131 b HB1711 Engrossed 1 consumer the following information on any dog or cat being 2 offered for sale: 3 (1) The retail price of the dog or cat, including any 4 additional fees or charges. 5 (2) The breed or breeds, if known, age, date of birth, 6 sex, and color of the dog or cat. 7 (3) The date and description of any inoculation or 8 medical treatment that the dog or cat received while under 9 the possession of the pet shop operator, and any 10 inoculation or medical treatment that the dog or cat 11

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	received while under the possession of the ani Translate Website
12	facility or animal shelter that the pet shop operator is
13	aware of.
14	(4) Sourcing information required in subsection (b) of
15	Section 3.8. The name and business address of both the dog
16	or cat breeder and the facility where the dog or cat was
17	born. If the dog or cat breeder is located in the State,
18	then the breeder's license number. If the dog or cat
19	breeder also holds a license issued by the United States
20	Department of Agriculture, the breeder's federal license
21	number.
22	(5) (Blank).
23	(6) <u>(Blank).</u> If eligible for registration with a
24	pedigree registry, then the name and registration numbers
25	of the sire and dam and the address of the pedigree
26	registry where the sire and dam are registered.

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1	(7) If the design set was netward by a sustainer then
	(7) If the dog or cat was returned by a customer, then
2	the date and reason for the return.
3	(8) A copy of the pet shop's policy regarding
4	warranties, refunds, or returns and an explanation of the
5	remedy under subsections (f) through (m) of this Section
6	in addition to any other remedies available at law.
7	(9) The pet shop operator's license number issued by
8	the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
9	(10) Disclosure that the dog or cat has been
10	microchipped and the microchip has been enrolled in a
11	nationally searchable database. Pet stores must also
12	disclose that the purchaser has the option to list the pet
13	store as a secondary contact on the microchip.
14	(a-5) All dogs and cats shall be microchipped by a pet shop
15	operator prior to sale.
16	(b) The information required in subsection (a) shall be
17	provided to the customer in written form by the pet shop
18	operator and shall have an acknowledgement of disclosures
19	form, which must be signed by the customer and the pet shop
20	operator at the time of sale. The acknowledgement of
21	disclosures form shall include the following:

22	(1) A blank space for the dated signature Translate Website
23	name of the pet shop operator, which shall be immediately
24	beneath the following statement: "I hereby attest that all
25	of the above information is true and correct to the best of
26	my knowledge.".

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1 (2) A blank space for the customer to sign and print 2 his or her name and the date, which shall be immediately 3 beneath the following statement: "I hereby attest that 4 this disclosure was posted on or near the cage of the dog 5 or cat for sale and that I have read all of the 6 disclosures. I further understand that I am entitled to 7 keep a signed copy of this disclosure.". 8 (c) A copy of the disclosures and the signed 9 acknowledgement of disclosures form shall be provided to the 10 customer at the time of sale and the original copy shall be 11 maintained by the pet shop operator for a period of 2 years 12 from the date of sale. A copy of the pet store operator's 13 policy regarding warranties, refunds, or returns shall be 14 provided to the customer. 15 (d) A pet shop operator shall post in a conspicuous place 16 in writing on or near the cage of any dog or cat available for 17 sale the information required by subsection (a) of this 18 Section 3.15.

19 (e) If there is an outbreak of distemper, parvovirus, or 20 any other contagious and potentially life-threatening disease, 21 the pet shop operator shall notify the Department immediately 22 upon becoming aware of the disease. If the Department issues a 23 quarantine, the pet shop operator shall notify, in writing and 24 within 2 business days of the quarantine, each customer who 25 purchased a dog or cat during the 2-week period prior to the 26 outbreak and guarantine.

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(f) A customer who purchased a dog or cat from a pet shop is entitled to a remedy under this Section if:

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	(1) within 21 days after the date of sale, Translate Website
4	veterinarian states in writing that at the time of sale
5	(A) the dog or cat was unfit for purchase due to illness or
6	disease, the presence of symptoms of a contagious or
7	infectious disease, or obvious signs of severe parasitism
8	that are extreme enough to influence the general health of
9	the animal, excluding fleas or ticks, or (B) the dog or cat
10	has died from a disease that existed in the dog or cat on
11	or before the date of delivery to the customer; or
12	(2) within one year after the date of sale, a licensed
13	veterinarian states in writing that the dog or cat
14	possesses a congenital or hereditary condition that
15	adversely affects the health of the dog or cat or requires
16	either hospitalization or a non-elective surgical
17	procedure or has died of a congenital or hereditary
18	condition. Internal or external parasites may not be
19	considered to adversely affect the health of the dog
20	unless the presence of the parasites makes the dog or cat
21	clinically ill. The veterinarian's statement shall
22	include:
23	(A) the customer's name and address;
24	(B) a statement that the veterinarian examined the
25	dog or cat;

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(C) the date or dates that the dog or cat was

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1	examined;
2	(D) the breed and age of the dog or cat, if known;
3	(E) a statement that the dog or cat has or had a
4	disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary
5	condition that is subject to remedy; and
6	(F) the findings of the examination or necropsy,
7	including any lab results or copies of the results.
8	(g) A customer entitled to a remedy under subsection (f)
9	of this Section may:
10	(1) return the dog or cat to the pet shop for a full
11	refund of the purchase price;
12	(2) exchange the dog or cat for another dog or cat of
13	comparable value chosen by the customer;

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14	(3) retain the dog or cat and be reimburse Translate Website reasonable veterinary fees for diagnosis and treatment of
16	the dog or cat, not to exceed the purchase price of the dog
17	or cat; or
18	(4) if the dog or cat is deceased, be reimbursed for
19	the full purchase price of the dog or cat plus reasonable
20	veterinary fees associated with the diagnosis and
21	treatment of the dog or cat, not to exceed one times the
22	purchase price of the dog or cat.
23	For the purposes of this subsection (g), veterinary fees
24	shall be considered reasonable if (i) the services provided
25	are appropriate for the diagnosis and treatment of the
26	disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary condition and
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1	(ii) the cost of the services is comparable to that charged for
2	similar services by other licensed veterinarians located in
3	close proximity to the treating veterinarian.
4	(h) Unless the pet shop contests a reimbursement required
5	under subsection (g) of this Section, the reimbursement shall
6	be made to the customer no later than 10 business days after
7	the pet shop operator receives the veterinarian's statement
8	under subsection (f) of this Section.
9	(i) To obtain a remedy under this Section, a customer
10	shall:
11	(1) notify the pet shop as soon as reasonably possible
12	and not to exceed 3 business days after a diagnosis by a
13	licensed veterinarian of a disease, illness, or congenital
14	or hereditary condition of the dog or cat for which the
15	customer is seeking a remedy;
16	(2) provide to the pet shop a written statement
17	provided for under subsection (f) of this Section by a
18	licensed veterinarian within 5 business days after a
19	diagnosis by the veterinarian;
20	(3) upon request of the pet shop, take the dog or cat
21	for an examination by a second licensed veterinarian; the
22	customer may either choose the second licensed

veterinarian or allow the pet shop to choose the second

veterinarian, if the pet shop agrees to do so. The party

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choosing the second veterinarian shall assume

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the resulting examination; and

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1	(4) if the customer requests a reimbursement of
2	veterinary fees, provide to the pet shop an itemized bill
3	for the disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary
4	condition of the dog or cat for which the customer is
5	seeking a remedy.
6	(j) A customer is not entitled to a remedy under this
7	Section if:
8	(1) the illness or death resulted from: (A)
9	maltreatment or neglect by the customer; (B) an injury
10	sustained after the delivery of the dog or cat to the
11	customer; or (C) an illness or disease contracted after
12	the delivery of the dog or cat to the customer;
13	(2) the customer does not carry out the recommended
14	treatment prescribed by the veterinarian who made the
15	diagnosis; or
16	(3) the customer does not return to the pet shop all
17	documents provided to register the dog or cat, unless the
18	documents have already been sent to the registry
19	organization.
20	(k) A pet shop may contest a remedy under this Section by
21	having the dog or cat examined by a second licensed
22	veterinarian pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (i) of
23	this Section if the dog or cat is still living. If the dog or
24	cat is deceased, the pet shop may choose to have the second
25	veterinarian review any records provided by the veterinarian
26	who examined or treated the dog or cat for the customer before

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¹ its death.

If the customer and the pet shop have not reached an agreement within 10 business days after the examination of the medical records and the dog or cat, if alive, or the dog's or cat's medical records, if deceased, by the second

6 veterinarian, then: Translate Website 7 (1) the customer may bring suit in a court of 8 competent jurisdiction to resolve the dispute; or 9 (2) if the customer and the pet shop agree in writing, 10 the parties may submit the dispute to binding arbitration. 11 If the court or arbiter finds that either party acted in 12 bad faith in seeking or denying the requested remedy, then the 13 offending party may be required to pay reasonable attorney's 14 fees and court costs of the adverse party. 15 (1) This Section shall not apply to any adoption of dogs or 16 cats, including those in which a pet shop or other 17 organization rents or donates space to facilitate the 18 adoption. 19 (m) If a pet shop offers its own warranty on a pet, a 20 customer may choose to waive the remedies provided under 21 subsection (f) of this Section in favor of choosing the 22 warranty provided by the pet shop. If a customer waives the 23 rights provided by subsection (f), the only remedies available 24 to the customer are those provided by the pet shop's warranty. 25 For the statement to be an effective waiver of the customer's 26 right to refund or exchange the animal under subsection (f),

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1 the pet shop must provide, in writing, a statement of the 2 remedy under subsection (f) that the customer is waiving as 3 well as a written copy of the pet shop's warranty. For the 4 statement to be an effective waiver of the customer's right to 5 refund or exchange the animal under subsection (f), it shall 6 be substantially similar to the following language: 7 "I have agreed to accept the warranty provided by the 8 pet shop in lieu of the remedies under subsection (f) of 9 Section 3.15 of the Animal Welfare Act. I have received a 10 copy of the pet shop's warranty and a statement of the 11 remedies provided under subsection (f) of Section 3.15 of 12 the Animal Welfare Act. This is a waiver pursuant to 13 subsection (m) of Section 3.15 of the Animal Welfare Act 14 whereby I, the customer, relinquish any and all right to 15 return the animal for congenital and hereditary disorders 16 provided by subsection (f) of Section 3.15 of the Animal 17 Welfare Act. I agree that my exclusive remedy is the

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