



HOUSE BILL 810: Pet Boarding Facilities.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 810 would establish new staffing standards for boarding kennels that offer dog day care services.*

CURRENT LAW: Under G.S. 19A-24, a boarding kennel that offers dog day care services and has a ratio of dogs to employees or supervisors, or both, of not more than 10 to one, is not subject to any further regulations that restrict the number of dogs that are permitted within any primary enclosure. A primary enclosure is a structure used to immediately restrict an animal or animals to a limited amount of space.

BILL ANALYSIS: **Section 1** would create a new definition for "common area" to mean any area within a housing facility providing an open space where more than four dogs are free to exercise or play together. It would expand the definition of "housing facility" to include common areas. It would also define "primary enclosure" to mean any structure used to immediately restrict four or fewer animals.

Section 2 would increase the ratio of dogs to employees allowed for exemption from further regulations restricting the number of dogs permitted within any primary enclosure, from 10 to one presently, to 15 to one; and would impose an additional exemption requirement that no more than 50 dogs are in any common area at any time. This ratio would apply to the common area. Under these new exemption requirements, a qualifying boarding kennel would not as to such day care services, be subject to any regulations that impose further supervisory requirements on the number of dogs that are permitted within the common area or any primary enclosure beyond a requirement that at least one staffer be present in a common area at all times that five or more dogs are within the common area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

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