

# Legislative Analysis



## REMOVE REFERENCES TO DOG TATTOO REGISTRY

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**House Bill 5588 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. TC Clements**

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**House Bill 5589 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Ranjeev Puri**

**Committee: Judiciary**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bills 5588 and 5589 would amend two different acts to remove obsolete references to provisions of a third act, related to the tattooing of dogs for identification and registration purposes, that were repealed in 2016.

2016 PA 253 repealed provisions of 1939 PA 309 that had authorized the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to issue and record identification numbers for the purpose of tattooing dogs for registration and identification. However, references in other acts to the repealed provisions were not eliminated at the same time.

**House Bill 5588** would amend the Dog Law, which now requires certain local government officials, when issuing a dog license, to provide the owner with information on the availability of microchip implantation and registration for dogs and the now obsolete tattoo identification registry maintained by MDARD. The bill would remove the reference to the obsolete registry.

MCL 287.274a

**House Bill 5589** would amend 1988 PA 426, known as the dangerous animal act, which now allows a district court magistrate, district court, or municipal court to require the owner of a dog found to be a dangerous animal under some circumstances to be permanently tattooed with an identification number assigned by MDARD. The bill would remove this option.

MCL 287.322

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 5588 and 5589 would eliminate references to the identification program that was repealed by 2016 PA 253. In effect, the bills are technical “clean-up” bills and have no direct fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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