

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6212

A bill to amend 1994 PA 358, entitled

"An act to regulate the possession of ferrets; to provide for the licensing of ferrets; to provide for requirements for importation and rabies control procedures for ferrets; to provide for the powers and duties of certain governmental entities; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 287.891).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1           Sec. 1. (1) "Accredited veterinarian" means a veterinarian  
2 approved by the United States ~~department of agriculture~~ **DEPARTMENT**  
3 **OF AGRICULTURE** to perform specific functions required by  
4 cooperative state and federal disease control and eradication  
5 programs.
- 6           (2) "Animal" means an animal other than a human being.
- 7           (3) "Animal control officer" means an individual employed as

1 an animal control officer ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** sections 29a, 29b, and  
 2 29c of the dog law of 1919, ~~Act No. 339 of the Public Acts of 1919,~~  
 3 ~~being sections 287.289a, 287.289b, and 287.289c of the Michigan~~  
 4 ~~Compiled Laws.1919 PA 339, MCL 287.289A, 287.289B, AND 287.289C.~~

5 (4) "Approved vaccine" means a vaccine authorized by the state  
 6 veterinarian ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** the animal industry act, ~~of 1987,~~  
 7 ~~Act No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, being sections 287.701 to~~  
 8 ~~287.747 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.1988 PA 466, MCL 287.701 TO~~  
 9 **287.747.**

10 (5) "Breeder" means a person who is a dealer as defined in the  
 11 animal welfare act, ~~Public Law 89-544, 7 U.S.C. USC~~ 2131 to 2147,  
 12 2149, and 2151 to 2159, and who is regulated by the United States  
 13 ~~department of agriculture~~ **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** as a class A  
 14 licensee, breeder, or a class B licensee ~~meeting the definition~~  
 15 ~~of dealer in §1.1, pursuant to title 9, C.F.R., subchapter A, part~~  
 16 ~~1, section 1.1 and subpart F, sections 3.125 through 3.142.9 CFR~~  
 17 **1.1 AND WHO IS REGULATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF**  
 18 **AGRICULTURE UNDER 9 CFR PART 3.**

19 (6) "Department" means the department of agriculture **AND RURAL**  
 20 **DEVELOPMENT.**

21 (7) "Director" means the director of the department ~~of~~  
 22 ~~agriculture~~ or his or her authorized representative.

23 (8) "Ferret" means an animal of any age of the species *Mustela*  
 24 *furo*.

25 (9) "Hobby breeder" means a person who owns 4 or fewer ferrets  
 26 that are at least 6 months of age or a litter of ferrets that is  
 27 less than 5 months of age on a temporary basis for personal

1 recreational purposes ~~such as~~ **INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,**  
2 competitions in shows or improving the breed, and who registers his  
3 or her ferrets with a national ferret registry organization.

4 (10) "Law enforcement agent" means an officer of the  
5 department of state police, a law enforcement agency of a county,  
6 township, city, or village who is responsible for the prevention  
7 and detection of crime and enforcement of the criminal laws of this  
8 state, or a conservation officer.

9 (11) "Local unit of government" means a county, city, village,  
10 or township.

11 (12) "Official interstate health certificate" or "official  
12 certificate of veterinary inspection" means a printed form that is  
13 adopted by any state that documents the information described in  
14 this subsection and that is issued by an accredited veterinarian  
15 for animals being imported or exported from this state within 30  
16 days before the importation or exportation of the animals it  
17 describes. A photocopy of an official interstate health certificate  
18 or official certificate of veterinary inspection is not valid. An  
19 official interstate health certificate or official certificate of  
20 veterinary inspection shall include all of the following:

21 (a) The complete names and addresses of the consignor and  
22 consignee and the destination address if different from the  
23 consignee address.

24 (b) A description of the ferret by breed, sex, age, color,  
25 markings, and other identification.

26 (c) The date of examination of the ferret by the accredited  
27 veterinarian preparing the certificate.

(d) The health status of the ferret by recording the results of any required tests and required vaccinations. The accredited veterinarian preparing the certificate shall certify that the ferret is free from clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological diseases.

(13) "Owner" means a person having a right of property ownership in a ferret, who keeps or harbors the ferret or has the ferret in his or her care or custody, or who permits the ferret to remain on or about premises occupied by the person. An owner does not include a veterinarian who keeps a ferret on a temporary basis for medical care or treatment.

(14) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

(15) "State veterinarian" means the chief animal health official of the state as appointed by the director under section 7 of the animal industry act, ~~of 1987, Act No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 287.707 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. 1988~~  
**PA 466, MCL 287.707.**

(16) "Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under article 15 of the public health code, ~~Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being sections 333.16101 to 333.18838 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 TO 333.18838,~~ or under the law of another state or federal authority that is applicable to that person.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect

1 unless House Bill No. 6205 of the 99th Legislature is enacted into  
2 law.