

# SENATE BILL NO. 175

March 07, 2019, Introduced by Senator DALEY and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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**

1 **of Agriculture** to perform specific functions required by  
 2 cooperative state and federal disease control and eradication  
 3 programs.

4 (2) "Animal" means an animal other than a human being.

5 (3) "Animal control officer" means an individual employed as  
 6 an animal control officer ~~pursuant to~~ **under** sections 29a, 29b, and  
 7 29c of the dog law of 1919, ~~Act No. 339 of the Public Acts of 1919,~~  
 8 ~~being sections 287.289a, 287.289b, and 287.289c of the Michigan~~  
 9 ~~Compiled Laws.~~ **1919 PA 339, MCL 287.289a, 287.289b, and 287.289c.**

10 (4) "Approved vaccine" means a vaccine authorized by the state  
 11 veterinarian ~~pursuant to~~ **under** the animal industry act, ~~of 1987,~~  
 12 ~~Act No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, being sections 287.701 to~~  
 13 ~~287.747 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~ **1988 PA 466, MCL 287.701 to**  
 14 **287.745.**

15 (5) "Breeder" means a person who is a dealer as defined in the  
 16 animal welfare act, ~~Public Law 89-544, 7 U.S.C. USC~~ 2131 to 2147,  
 17 2149, and 2151 to 2159, and who is regulated by the United States  
 18 ~~department of agriculture~~ **Department of Agriculture** as a class A  
 19 licensee, breeder, or a class B licensee ~~,~~ meeting the definition  
 20 of dealer in ~~§1.1, pursuant to title 9, C.F.R., subchapter A, part~~  
 21 ~~1, section 1.1 and subpart F, sections 3.125 through 3.142.~~ **9 CFR**  
 22 **1.1 and who is regulated by the United States Department of**  
 23 **Agriculture under 9 CFR part 3.**

24 (6) "Department" means the department of agriculture **and rural**  
 25 **development.**

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

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

1           (9) "Hobby breeder" means a person who owns 4 or fewer ferrets  
2 that are at least 6 months of age or a litter of ferrets that is  
3 less than 5 months of age on a temporary basis for personal  
4 recreational purposes ~~such as~~ **including, but not limited to,**  
5 competitions in shows or improving the breed, and who registers his  
6 or her ferrets with a national ferret registry organization.

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

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

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

24           (a) The complete names and addresses of the consignor and  
25 consignee and the destination address if different from the  
26 consignee address.

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

29           (c) The date of examination of the ferret by the accredited

1 veterinarian preparing the certificate.

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

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

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

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

20 (16) "Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice  
21 veterinary medicine under article 15 of the public health code, ~~Act~~  
22 ~~No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being sections 333.16101 to~~  
23 ~~333.18838 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,~~**1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101**  
24 **to 333.18838,** or under the law of another state or federal  
25 authority that is applicable to that person.

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

28 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
29 unless Senate Bill No.174 of the 100th Legislature is enacted into

1 law.