

ACT 146

H. B. NO. 876

A Bill for an Act Relating to Dog Licenses.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 143-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 143-2. License required. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor a dog unless the dog is licensed as provided by this chapter; provided that the legislative bodies of the several counties may, by ordinance, dispense with or modify the licensing requirements of this chapter. This chapter shall not apply to dogs under the age of three months which do not run at large, dogs in quarantine and dogs brought into the State exclusively for the purpose of entering them in a dog show or dog exhibition and not allowed to run at large.”

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SECTION 2. Section 143-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 143-3. License fee controlled by ordinance. Except where licenses are dispensed with pursuant to section 143-2, each county council shall have the power to fix the annual license fee for dogs. Until and unless otherwise provided by ordinance the annual license fee for each dog shall be \$1. Any person owning or having the custody or control of any dog shall pay the license fee to the treasurer of the county in which the dog is owned, kept, or controlled. The license fee shall be due and payable on January 2 of each year and shall be paid before March 11 of each year, or within thirty days after the exemption ceases in the case of dogs becoming subject to this chapter. If the fee is not paid before March 11 of each year, or on any subsequent day when due, a penalty of ten per cent thereof shall be added to and become a part of the fee.

The full amount of the fee shall be paid for any fraction of any year for which a license is issued.

All moneys received by the director of finance under this chapter shall be paid into the general fund of such county.”

SECTION 3. Section 143-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 143-8. Seizure of unlicensed dogs. Except where licensing requirements are dispensed with, every officer shall seize any unlicensed dog found running at large or found upon any public highway, street, alley, court, place, square, or grounds, or upon any unfenced lot, or not within a sufficient enclosure, whether in the immediate presence of the owner or otherwise, and confine it in a pound or any suitable enclosure for a period of forty-eight hours, during which time it shall be subject to redemption by its owner by payment of the license due, if any, and a penalty of 50 cents. If not so redeemed, the dog shall be sold by the officer for the amount of the license and penalty due, or as much more as can be obtained therefor, and if not so sold it shall be humanely destroyed. The owner of any unlicensed dog impounded and not claimed within forty-eight hours as provided in this section, may redeem the dog at any time before sale or destruction of same by paying to the officer, in addition to the amount of the license and penalty, the sum of 25 cents per day for the number of days over two days the dog was impounded. Of the money so received the amount of the license fee shall be paid to the director of finance and the balance shall be retained by the officer to defray the expenses of collecting, keeping, and feeding the dog.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 22, 1973.)

*Edited accordingly.