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Sponsor(s) Kalik and Matthews

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Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, Nos. 147 and 916**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ADOPTED JUNE 16, 1980

By Assemblyman MATTHEWS

AN ACT concerning fees for the licensing and registration of dogs  
 and amending P. L. 1941, c. 151.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
 2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 2 of P. L. 1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.2) is amended to  
 2 read as follows:

3 2. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing  
 4 age shall in the month of January, 1942, and annually thereafter,  
 5 *or every third year thereafter in accordance with a 3-year dog*  
 6 *license or renewal thereof issued under subsection b. of section 12*  
 7 *of this act (C. 4:19-15.12 b.),* apply for and procure from the clerk  
 8 of the municipality or other official designated by the governing  
 9 body thereof to license dogs in the municipality in which he resides,  
 10 a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog so  
 11 owned, kept or harbored, and shall place upon each such dog a  
 12 collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto.

1 2. Section 3 of P. L. 1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.3) is amended to  
 2 read as follows:

3 3. The persons applying for the license and registration tag shall  
 4 pay the fee fixed or authorized to be fixed in section 12 of this act,  
 5 and the sum of **[\$0.50 for the registration tag of]** *\$1.00 for a*  
 6 *1-year registration tag or \$3.00 for a 3-year registration tag for*  
 7 *each dog; and for each [annual] renewal, the fee for the license*  
 8 *and for the registration tag shall be the same as for the original*  
 9 *license and tag; and said licenses, registration tags and renewals*  
 10 *thereof shall expire on January 31 in [each] the year stated on*  
 11 *the license.*

12 Only one license and registration tag shall be required in any  
 13 licensing year for any dog owned in New Jersey and such license  
 14 and tag shall be accepted by all municipalities as evidence of  
 15 compliance with this section.

16 Dogs used as guides for blind persons and commonly known as  
 17 "seeing-eye" dogs shall be licensed and registered as other dogs

**EXPLANATION—**Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill  
 is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 hereinabove provided for, except that the owner or keeper of such  
19 dog shall not be required to pay any fee therefor.

20 License forms and uniform official metal registration tags  
21 designed by the State Department of Health shall be furnished by  
22 the municipality and shall be numbered serially and shall bear the  
23 year of issuance and the name of the municipality.

1 3. Section 11 of P. L. 1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.11) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 11. License fees and other moneys collected or received under the  
4 provisions of sections 3, 8, 9 and 16 of this act, except registration  
5 tag fees, shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the municipality  
6 within 30 days after collection or receipt and shall be placed in a  
7 special account separate from any of the other accounts of the  
8 municipality and shall be used for the following purposes only;  
9 for collecting, keeping and disposing of dogs liable to seizure under  
10 this act or under local dog-control ordinances; for local prevention  
11 and control of rabies; for providing antirabic treatment under the  
12 direction of the local board of health for any person known or  
13 suspected to have been exposed to rabies, for payment of damage  
14 to or losses of poultry and domestic animals, except dogs and cats,  
15 caused by a dog or dogs and for administering the provisions of  
16 this act. Any unexpended balance remaining in such special account  
17 shall be retained therein until the end of the third fiscal year follow-  
18 ing and may be used for any of the purposes set forth in this  
19 section. At the end of the said third fiscal year following, and at  
20 the end of each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be transferred  
21 from such special account to the general funds of the munici-  
21A pality any amount then in such account which is in excess of the  
22 total amount paid into said special account during the last 2 fiscal  
23 years next preceding.

24 The registration tag fee **[of \$0.50]** for each dog shall be for-  
25 warded within 30 days after collection by the clerk or other official  
26 designated to license dogs to the State Department of Health which  
27 department shall forward said sum to the State Treasurer who  
28 shall place all such moneys in a special account for use only by the  
29 State Department of Health in administering this act and for the  
30 prevention and control of rabies throughout the State, and such  
31 account is hereby declared to be a trust fund not subject to legis-  
32 lative appropriation. At the end of the third fiscal year following  
33 the adoption of this act and at the end of each fiscal year thereafter,  
34 there shall be withdrawn from this trust fund and transferred to  
35 the general funds of the State any amount then in such fund which  
36 is in excess of the total amount paid into such fund during the last  
37 2 fiscal years next preceding.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

## STATEMENT

This bill increases the dog registration tag fee from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per year. This fee is remitted to the Department of Health special fund for use in rabies control. The fee was last increased from \$0.25 to \$0.50 in 1966. The bill, amending in section 2 of P. L. 1941, c. 151, makes reference to 3-year dog licenses. In the absence of this amendment, previous legislation (P. L. 1978, c. 168) permitting the issuance of such licenses could not be implemented. Consistent with this amendment, the bill also permits the collection of tag registration fees on a 3-year basis.

This committee substitute is necessitated by certain technical deficiencies in A-147 of 1980 and A-916 of 1980. Also A-147 and A-916 would have tripled the registration fee to \$1.50. The committee holds that doubling the fee to \$1.00 will satisfy projected Department of Health needs based on the following Rabies Control Program data:

RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM			
Projection of Revenue and Expenses at the Current			
Rate of \$0.50 per License			
Revenue	1979	1980	1981
Balance available July 1	\$275,363	\$224,687	\$91,722
Revenue received or projected	301,002	315,000	325,000
Total	\$576,365	\$539,687	\$416,722
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and Wages	\$225,072	\$269,486	\$297,102
Materials and Supplies	62,966	98,700	110,600
Service Other Than Personnel	7,105	10,400	11,700
Fringe Benefits	43,844	55,379	61,648
Maintenance and Fixed Charges	12,691	14,000	15,700
Total	\$576,365	\$539,687	\$416,722
Balance	\$224,687	\$91,722	(\$80,028)
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ASSEMBLY, No. 147

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

By Assemblywoman KALIK

AN ACT to amend "An act for the uniform control and licensing of dogs and kennels to aid in preventing the spread of rabies, and repealing sections 4:19-10, 4:19-11, 4:19-12, 4:19-13, 4:19-14, 4:19-15, 40:52-5 and 40:52-6 of the Revised Statutes," approved May 24, 1941 (P. L. 1941, c. 151).

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2 read as follows:

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4 age shall in the month of January, one thousand nine hundred and  
5 forty-two, and annually thereafter, *or every third year thereafter*  
6 *in accordance with a 3-year dog license or renewal thereof issued*  
7 *under subsection b. of section 12 of this act (C. 4:19-15.12 b.),*  
8 apply for and procure from the clerk of the municipality or other  
9 official designated by the governing body thereof to license dogs  
10 in the municipality in which he resides, a license and official metal  
11 registration tag for each such dog so owned, kept or harbored, and  
12 shall place upon each such dog a collar or harness with the registra-  
13 tion tax securely fastened thereto.

1 2. Section 3 of P. L. 1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.3) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 3. The persons applying for the license and registration tag  
4 shall pay the fee fixed or authorized to be fixed in section 12 of this  
5 act, and the sum of *not less than \$1.50* **[\$0.50]** *nor more than \$4.50*  
6 for the registration tag of each dog; and for each **[annual]** renewal,  
7 the fee for the license and for the registration tag shall be the same  
8 as for the original license and tag; and said licenses, registration  
9 tags and renewals thereof shall expire on January 31 in **[each]** *the*  
10 *year stated on the license.*

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12 licensing year for any dog owned in New Jersey and such license  
13 and tag shall be accepted by all municipalities as evidence of com-  
14 pliance with this section.

15 Dogs used as guides for blind persons and commonly known as  
16 "seeing-eye" dogs shall be licensed and registered as other dogs  
17 hereinabove provided for, except that the owner or keeper of such  
18 dog shall not be required to pay any fee therefor.

19 License forms and uniform official metal registration tags de-  
20 signed by the State Department of Health shall be furnished by  
21 the municipality and shall be numbered serially and shall bear the  
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#### STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to amend section 2 of P. L. 1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.2) to include a reference to 3-year dog licenses which municipalities are permitted to issue pursuant to section 12 of the act as recently amended by P. L. 1978, c. 168.

This bill also provides for an increase in the registration tag fee which underwrites the cost of the State Rabies Control Fund in order to sustain an effective Rabies and Animal Control Program at the State level.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 916

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 1980

By Assemblyman MATTHEWS

Referred to Committee on Municipal Government

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18 following and may be used for any of the purposes set forth in  
19 this section. At the end of the said third fiscal year following, and  
20 at the end of each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be transferred  
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27 official designated to license dogs to the State Department of Health  
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30 by the State Department of Health in administering this act and  
31 for the prevention and control of rabies throughout the State, and  
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33 legislative appropriation. At the end of the third fiscal year fol-  
34 lowing the adoption of this act and at the end of each fiscal year  
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36 ferred to the general funds of the State any amount then in such  
37 fund which is in excess of the total amount paid into such fund  
38 during the last 2 fiscal years next preceding.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill increases from \$0.50 to \$1.50 the fee charged for dog  
registration tags.

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SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, Nos. 147 and 916

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 1981

The sponsors statement adequately describes the provisions of the bill.

The Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee released the bill without recommendation. While the objectives of the Rabies Control Program are worthy of continuation, the program should be supported by direct appropriation from the General Fund instead of charging a fee to dog owners.

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FISCAL NOTE TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 916

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 24, 1980

The Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Numbers 147 and 916 of 1980 increases the dog registration fee from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per year. This fee is remitted to the Department of Health special fund for use in rabies control.

The Department of Health points out that State funds are not affected since these moneys are a dedicated trust.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1980, c. 67.