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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 273.327, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to animal shelter fees.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 273.327, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 273.327, to read as follows:

273.327. 1. No person shall operate an animal shelter, pound or dog
2 pound, boarding kennel, commercial kennel, contract kennel, pet shop, or
3 exhibition facility, other than a limited show or exhibit, or act as a dealer or
4 commercial breeder, unless such person has obtained a license for such operations
5 from the director. An applicant shall obtain a separate license for each separate
6 physical facility subject to sections 273.325 to 273.357 which is operated by the
7 applicant. Any person exempt from the licensing requirements of sections
8 273.325 to 273.357 may voluntarily apply for a license. Application for such
9 license shall be made in the manner provided by the director. The license shall
10 expire annually unless revoked. As provided by rules to be promulgated by the
11 director, the license fee shall range from one hundred to two thousand five
12 hundred dollars per year, **except for commercial breeders for which the**
13 **license fee shall range from one hundred to one thousand dollars per**
14 **year.** Each licensee subject to sections 273.325 to 273.357 shall pay an
15 additional annual fee of twenty-five dollars to be used by the department of
16 agriculture for the purpose of administering operation bark alert or any successor
17 program. Pounds or dog pounds shall be exempt from payment of the fees under
18 this section. License fees shall be levied for each license issued or renewed on or
19 after January 1, 1993.

20 2. Effective January 1, 2015, an animal shelter shall be exempt

21 from the payment of any and all fees set out in this section.

22 3. Prior to January 1, 2015, the director, upon promulgation of
23 rules, may exempt any animal shelter from payment of any or all fees
24 set out in this section.

25 4. In addition to other duties imposed by this section, the
26 director may also deny any applicant of an animal shelter license or
27 revoke the license of any animal shelter licensee, if it is determined by
28 the director that the applicant or the licensee unreasonably profits
29 from the charges for adoption or sales of its animals.

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