

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 697

AN ACT

To amend chapters 9 and 67, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to animals.

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

Section A. Chapters 9 and 67, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 9.315 and 67.142, to read as follows:

9.315. The second full week in March is hereby designated as "Pet Breeders Week" in Missouri. Citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities in recognition of ethical and responsible pet breeders throughout our state for the joy they bring to pet owners.

67.142. 1. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit in any manner the authority of any village, town, city, including home rule city, or county to prohibit dogs from running at large or to further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries, provided that no such ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is specific to breed.

2. The general assembly hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation regarding in any way the control or regulation of specific breeds of dogs to the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance, policy, or regulation by any village, town, city, including any home rule city, or county in this state. Any existing or future order, ordinance, policy, or regulation in this field shall be null and void.

3. Nothing in this chapter shall infringe the ability of any village, town, city, including any home rule city, or

county to enact and enforce a vicious dog order, ordinance, policy, or regulation if the order, ordinance, policy, or regulation is not specific to breed.

4. Any county, city, town, village, or other political subdivision with an existing order, ordinance, policy, or regulation specific to breed shall have until December 31, 2023, to bring any order, ordinance, policy, or regulation into compliance with this section. After December 31, 2023, all orders, ordinances, policies, and regulations in violation of this section shall be unenforceable.