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Premiere Bill

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Action on the Bill

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An act to limit animal abuse in commercial breeders.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will lessen the amount of puppy mills throughout the state and reduce the animal abuse in these breeders. This will also increase the amount of healthy animals and increase population of animals. This is important because many dogs are mistreated and abused in commercial breeders. Many animals are confined to overcrowded cages with little to no shelter, they suffer from malnutrition and starvation, and they are sick or dying with no veterinary care. Animals are usually kept crammed, cages stacked on top of each other, and standing in their own excrement.

Section 2: The State government will have to take the dog breeder licensing that is already filled out and send it to an inspector to check on the addresses on the licensing form. They will look for mistreated dogs and unsanitary conditions. The government will hold the offender accountable by fining them or removing their license.

Section 3: Inspectors will regularly check on these dogs and limit the amount of sickness in breeding operations. Dogs usually can receive many illnesses such as epilepsy, heart disease, kidney disease, endocrine disorders like diabetes and hyperthyroidism, blood disorders such as anemia and Von Willebrand disease, deafness, eye problems like cataracts and glaucoma, and respiratory disorders. Many also receive behavioral problems after birth as a result of being in the puppy mill.

Section 4: If a government inspector finds someone abusing animals in a breeding business
1st Offense: $1000 fine
2nd Offense: $1500 fine, license restricted for four months
3rd Offense: $2000 fine, license removed and business shut down

Section 5: The money will come from the offender's fines to pay for the inspectors. T

Section 6: This bill will go into effect on December 5, 2015