

MA\_Consider\_Changes\_Kennel\_Definition\_July\_19\_2011

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Hello All,

Received the following from a member of the Westie Society of CT. (WHWTCA is the Westie Club of America.) Interesting reading! A new way to harass responsible dog owners and breeders. Typical Massachusetts operation.

Ralph

From: whwtca@googlegroups.com [mailto:whwtca@googlegroups.com] On Behalf Of Opeterrpan@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 10:15 PM

To: WHWTCA@googlegroups.com

Subject: [WHWTCA] Fwd: MA to Consider Changes to Kennel Definition on July 19

For all members in the Northeast

This is a far-reaching proposal that will interfere with almost all dog activities. Please band together to work to defeat this oppressive proposal.

See the talking points in the AKC letter.

Tom Barrie

Delegate

Legislative coordinator

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Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 15:07:09 -0400

From: AKC's Government Relations Department <mba@akc.org>

Subject: MA to Consider Changes to Kennel Definition on July 19

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[http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=4448](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4448)

A Massachusetts legislative committee will consider a bill on July 19 to significantly change the definition of kennel to encompass training facilities or any dog event with more than 12 dogs. All those meeting the new criteria would be required to comply with all state and local licensing and other regulations currently reserved just for large kennels.

Responsible dog owners and trainers are encouraged to attend the July 19 hearing and to contact the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to express concerns with this legislation. Scroll down for hearing and contact information.

#### Summary:

House Bill 1023 would change the definition of kennel to exempt “daytime only services such as dog grooming, dog training, supervised playtime and dog walking with no more than twelve dogs on a single premises.”

While the AKC appreciates the sponsor’s attempt to exempt certain services, the bill actually expands the definition to include activities and services that are not currently considered a kennel. This would mean that any daytime activity where more than twelve dogs are present (including dog shows, training facilities, companion events, etc.) would now be considered a kennel and required to comply with all state and local kennel licensing and regulations.

Read the AKC’s letter to the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

#### How You Can Help:

- Attend the committee hearing on July 19. The meeting information is as follows:  
Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Date: July 19, 2011  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Massachusetts State House, Room A-2
- Contact the committee members and express your concerns with House Bill 1023. View the committee member names and contact information [here](#).

The AKC will continue to closely monitor this legislation. For questions or more information, contact the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs & Responsible Dog Owners at [info@massfeddogs.org](mailto:info@massfeddogs.org) or the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org) .

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