

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 247

March 18, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives HINES, KESTELL, GRONEMUS, KRAWCZYK, BIES, VOS, STONE, ALBERS and MOLEPSKE, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, WIRCH and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 174.05 (5) and 174.052 (1) and (2) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 late fees for dog licenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires dog owners to obtain annual licenses for their dogs. Under current law, a late fee of \$5, or more at the option of a city, village, town, or county, applies if a dog owner fails to obtain a license before April 1. Under this bill, the late fee applies if a dog owner fails to obtain a license before February 1.

For further information see the ***local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 174.05 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 174.05 (5) LATE FEES. The collecting official shall assess and collect a late fee
5 of \$5 from every owner of a dog 5 months of age or over, if the owner failed to obtain
6 a license prior to ~~April~~ February 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring
7 ownership of a licensable dog or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before

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1 the dog reached licensable age. All late fees received or collected shall be paid into
2 the local treasury as revenue of the town, village or city in which the license was
3 issued. The governing body of any county, town, village or city may, when setting the
4 amount of the tax, provide that any person purchasing a dog license for a dog 5
5 months of age or over after ~~April 1~~ January 31 shall pay an additional late fee.

6 **SECTION 2.** 174.052 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

7 174.052 **(1)** JANUARY NOTICE. Except as provided in sub. (3), the county board
8 of each county shall cause a class 1 notice under ch. 985 to be published between
9 January 1 and January 15 of each year in a newspaper having general circulation
10 in the county notifying the public that rabies vaccinations and dog licenses are
11 required under the statutes and that late fees may be assessed after January 31.

12 **(2)** MARCH NOTICE. Except as provided in sub. (3), the county board of each
13 county shall cause a class 1 notice under ch. 985 to be published between March 1
14 and March 15 of each year in a newspaper having general circulation in the county
15 notifying the public that rabies vaccinations and dog licenses are required under the
16 statutes ~~and that late fees may be assessed after April 1.~~

17 **(END)**