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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 346

October 28, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives WYNN, KNILANS, CRAIG, PETRYK, PRIDEMORE, RIVARD, BALLWEG and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senator GALLOWAY. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Personal Privacy.

1   AN ACT *to amend* 173.41 (2) (a) (intro.); and *to create* 173.41 (2) (fm) of the

2   statutes; **relating to:** the licensing requirement for animal control facilities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires certain persons who sell dogs or operate animal shelters and all persons who operate animal control facilities to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. An animal control facility is a facility for the care of animals operated under a contract with a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision). Persons who are required to be licensed must comply with standards of animal care that are specified in the law.

This bill creates an exception to the licensing requirement for a person who operates an animal control facility under a contract with one or more political subdivisions if the animal control facility operates under a kennel license issued by the political subdivision in which the animal control facility is located.

For further information see the *state and 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. 173.41 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

1   173.41 **(2)** (a) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (e), (f), <u>(fm),</u> or (g), beginning

2   on June 1, 2011, no person may do any of the following without an annual license

3   from the department:

4   **SECTION 2.** 173.41 (2) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

5   173.41 **(2)** (fm) A person operating an animal control facility is not required to

6   obtain a license under par. (a) if the animal control facility is operated under a kennel

7   license issued by a political subdivision in which the animal control facility is located.

8   **(END)**