



Hearing 7/19/11  
1:00 pm  
State House  
Room A-2

**OPPOSE HB1023 – An Act Relative to the Definition of a Kennel  
(Rep. Peterson)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure

**PROBLEM:**

Appropriate kennel definitions are included in dog law revisions which we support – see SB1033.

**WHAT THIS BILL DOES:**

Amends Chapter 140 definition of a kennel to only apply to dogs kept overnight, and excluding daytime services such as grooming, dog training, doggie day care, etc., as long as no more than 12 dogs are on the premises.

**WHY YOU SHOULD OPPOSE:**

We oppose this bill as written due to the fact that most training facilities routinely have more than twelve dogs on the premise at a given time as well as doggie daycare facilities. This would classify a training facility as a kennel, as well as a facility being used for a dog event, i.e., dog show, obedience trial, rally trial, agility trial and would increase the licensing and permit burdens for holding dog events.

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Bill Text for HB1023 (HD1698) of 2011-2012 Session

**An Act relative to the definition of a kennel**

Prime sponsor: **Representative George N. Peterson (R)**

SECTION 1. Section 136A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking of the definition of "Kennel" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:

"Kennel", one pack or collection of dogs on a single premises, whether maintained overnight for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting or other purposes and including any shop where dogs are on sale, and also including every pack or collection of more than three dogs three months old or over owned or kept by a person on a single premises irrespective of the purpose for which they are maintained overnight, but excluding daytime only services such as dog grooming, dog training, supervised playtime and dog walking with no more than twelve dogs on a single premises.