

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2986

BY DELEGATES QUEEN AND KESSINGER

[Introduced February 11, 2019; Referred

to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §19-20-2a, relating to requiring retail pet stores to complete registration forms
 3 required by the county assessor upon the sale of a dog; and prohibiting political
 4 subdivisions from regulating the operation of a retail pet store.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 20. DOGS AND CATS.

§19-20-2a. Retail pet store registration form requirement; prohibited areas of regulation.

1 It shall be the duty of retailers selling dogs subject to assessment under this article, at the
 2 time they are making sale of said personal property, to complete on the forms prescribed under
 3 section four of this article, take down the age, sex, color, character of hair (long or short) and
 4 breed (if known) and the name and address of the owner, keeper or harbinger thereof if the
 5 purchaser is a resident of such county: *Provided*, That a political subdivision may not adopt,
 6 enforce, administer an ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution or other legal
 7 requirement that prohibits the operation of a retail pet store.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require retail pet stores to complete registration forms required by the county assessor upon the sale of a dog, The bill prohibits political subdivisions from enacting any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution or other legal requirements regulating the operation of a retail pet store.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.