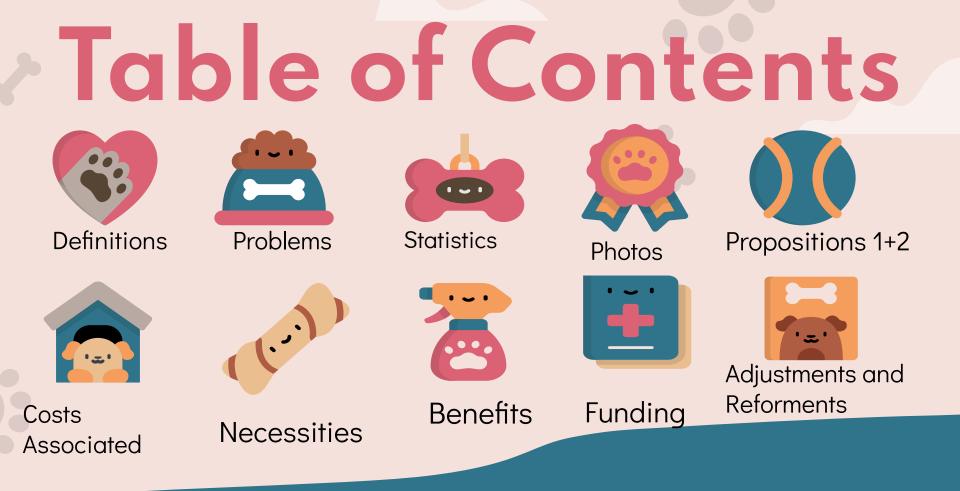
# House Bill 17

Puppy Mill Pipelines Illegal In Pennsylvania

Referred to Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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## What is a Puppy Mill?

A puppy mill is a high-volume commercial breeding operation where dogs are bred primarily for profit with little regard for their well-being, leading to conditions characterized by overcrowding, unsanitary living conditions, and neglect.

#### Puppy Mill Photos









#### What is a Puppy Mill Pipeline?

A "Puppy Mill Pipeline" is the system in which puppies from inhumane breeding facilities (puppy mills), are transferred and sold to pet stores, online retailers, brokers, and overall increasing the demand for puppies in puppy mills, while still prioritizing profit over animal welfare.

#### **Statistics**

3.41 million dogs in Pennsylvania

> 2.275 million households own dogs

1000 puppy mills in PA



# Problems

- Poor Living Conditions for Dogs
  - Inbreeding and Health Issues
- Animal Cruelty
- Lack of Enforcement and Regulations

### House Bill Propositions 1

- Prohibits the commercial sale and distribution of puppies from puppy mills.
- Allows pet stores to sell only animals from shelters, rescues, or reputable breeders with humane practices.
- Requires breeders to provide information



### House Bill Propositions 2

- Regular inspections will be conducted on pet stores to ensure adherence to the law.
- Violations can result in penalties, including fines of at least \$50,000 and a minimum five-year jail sentence.
  - Promotes animal welfare, moral breeding, and responsible pet ownership.

#### **Costs Associated with House Bill 11**

- Paying employees to monitor and enforce the law.
- Legal actions and court costs for violators.
- Additional resources for shelters

• Estimated cost is \$50,000 -\$100,000



#### Funding of House Bill 11

• Funding Source

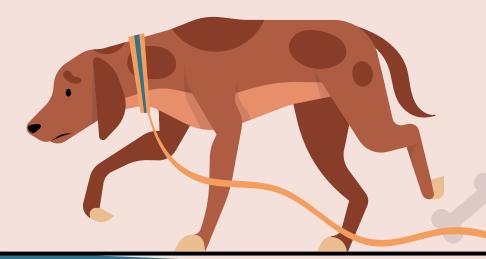
Annual Budget Allocation

State Budget Contribution



#### Why House Bill 11 is necessary in Pennsylvania

- Animal Welfare
- Poor Conditions
- Neglect
- Profit-driven Practices
- Consumer Deception
- Health Problems



#### Benefits House Bill 11 brings to the Commonwealth

- Improved Lives for Dogs
- Reduced Shelter Strain
  - Protection for Consumers
  - Enhanced State Reputation

### **Adjustments and Reforments**

House Bill 11 shall take effect in 45 days to allow puppy mill breeders, pet stores and consumers to prepare and adjust to reforms.

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# Thank you

#### Any questions?

# **Works Cited**



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