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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 19-8—sHB 6643

Environment Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTERS

SUMMARY: This act allows more municipalities to open regional animal shelters (i.e., dog pound facilities). Under prior law, any two or more contiguous towns, each with a population of less than 25,000, could agree to be served by a regional animal control officer and facility. The act (1) removes the contiguity requirement and (2) increases the towns' population threshold to those with a population of less than 50,000. By law, the towns must agree to a regional facility by action of their legislative bodies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019