

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1981 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, CIRESI, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS, HOWARD,
KENYATTA, KINKEAD, MADDEN, N. NELSON AND SANCHEZ,
JANUARY 31, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JANUARY 31, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled
2 "An act relating to counties of the first, second class A,
3 third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes;
4 amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws
5 relating thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by
6 counties, including authorizing imposition of an excise tax
7 on the rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first
8 class; and providing for regional renaissance initiatives,"
9 in special powers and duties of counties, providing for
10 county humane officers.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Article XIX of the act of August 9, 1955
14 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended by
15 adding a subdivision to read:

16 (z.6) Other Powers and Duties

17 Section 1999n. County Humane Officers.--The county
18 commissioners may employ a county humane officer who shall be
19 authorized to enforce dog control as defined in the act of
20 December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the "Dog Law," and
21 animal cruelty laws of this Commonwealth as contained in 18

1 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 Subch. B (relating to cruelty to animals). In
2 order to be eligible for employment as a county humane officer,
3 an individual must meet the training requirements contained in
4 22 Pa.C.S. §§ 3712 (relating to training program) and 3713
5 (relating to continuing education program).

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.