

Why McKenzie's Law Should Pass-(original as filed in 2010)

There are less than 200 Ohio commercial dog breeding kennels licensed by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, but there are hundreds more of these facilities in the state. Kennels that sell dogs directly to the public through ads or over the internet are not regulated by USDA and more are coming to Ohio each year. One commercial dog breeder claims in his county, Holmes County, the puppy mill industry earns **\$9 million annually**. That is in just one Ohio County. The state and local government did not receive, however, tax revenue from those sales of dogs.

McKenzie's Law:

- will bring tax revenue into the State of Ohio and into county and city governments as well.
- will ensure the state and local government receive their share of tax revenues from commercial dog breeders and dealers.
- requires all commercial dog breeders to obtain a local business license or conditional use permit as already required by local governments, and a business vendors license, and report and pay sales tax revenues collected on the sales. (ORC 5739.01 (B) (1) and ORC 5701.03 (A) and allows only one kennel per property address.
- would rely on existing kennel or business licensing regulations, eliminating any additional cost to state and county government.
- does *not* have a complicated and expensive statewide regulatory scheme.
- limits commercial breeders to 20 breeding dogs which will reduce costs to county and city shelters.
- protects hobby breeders.
- protects reputable commercial dog breeders.
- protects the consumer from commercial dog breeders or pet stores that sell puppies that are sick, diseased or have congenital defects or behavior problems.
- requires all commercial kennels with more than 5 breeding dogs to meet minimum standards of care for dogs.
- eliminates dog auctions.
- has broad enforcement authority but preserves local control and regulations.