

## HB569 INTRODUCED



1 HB569  
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3 By Representative Shaw  
4 RFD: Commerce and Small Business  
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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require persons operating certain dog or cat boarding and grooming facilities to have a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician at the facility during business hours.

This bill would also provide for the enforcement of this requirement, including the assessment of a civil penalty.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to pet care; to require persons operating certain dog or cat boarding and grooming facilities to have a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician at the facility; and to provide civil penalties for violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) BOARDING FACILITY. Any place of business where the commercial boarding, confinement, or otherwise keeping of at least 100 dogs or cats may occur.

(2) CAT. Any domesticated member of *Felis catus*.



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(3) DOG. Any domesticated member of *Canis lupus familiaris*.

(4) GROOMING FACILITY. Any place of business where the commercial grooming of dogs or cats occurs that employs at least 20 individuals in a calendar year.

(5) LICENSED VETERINARIAN. The term as defined in Section 34-29-61, Code of Alabama 1975.

(6) LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN. The term as defined in Section 34-29-61, Code of Alabama 1975.

(b) A person may not operate a boarding facility or grooming facility in this state without a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician at the facility during business hours who is capable of advising on and providing proper care to a dog or cat under the custody, control, or care of the facility.

(c) The Department of Agriculture and Industries shall enforce this section and shall levy a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) per violation.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.