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

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

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

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

47 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
48 1, 2025.