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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to commercial breeders of dogs and cats.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 162.2, subsection 6, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. "Commercial breeder" means a person, engaged in the
4 business of breeding dogs or cats, who if any of the following
5 applies:

6 a. The person sells, exchanges, or leases or offers to
7 sell dogs or cats originating from four or more litters
8 produced during any twelve-month period from dogs or cats bred
9 by the person. A sale means any transfer, exchange, or lease
10 of a dog or cat in return for consideration, or who offers to
11 do so. This paragraph applies regardless of whether or not
12 the ~~animals are raised, trained, groomed, or boarded by the~~
13 person raises, trains, grooms, or boards the dogs or cats.

14 b. ~~A The person who owns or harbors three or less breeding~~
15 ~~males or females is not a commercial breeder. However, a~~
16 ~~person who breeds or harbors more than three breeding male or~~
17 ~~female greyhounds for the purposes of using them for pari-~~
18 ~~mutuel racing shall be considered a commercial breeder~~
19 ~~irrespective of whether the person sells, leases, or exchanges~~
20 ~~the greyhounds for consideration or offers to do so.~~

21 EXPLANATION

22 Code chapter 162 regulates persons who maintain animals in
23 commercial establishments, including commercial breeders of
24 dogs and cats. The Code chapter requires commercial breeders
25 to be licensed by the department of agriculture and land
26 stewardship, unless the person has a federal license. The
27 bill eliminates an exception from the licensing requirement
28 for persons who own three or fewer breeding animals. The bill
29 provides that a commercial breeder does not include a person
30 who sells dogs or cats originating from less than four litters
31 in any 12-month period. The bill makes other changes in order
32 to enhance readability.

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