

**CHAPTER 1109**  
**USE OF PETS AS PRIZES**  
*H.F. 2480*

**AN ACT** prohibiting the award of pets, or advertisement thereof, in certain circumstances, and providing a penalty.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 717E.1 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Advertise" means to present a commercial message in any medium including but not limited to print, radio, television, sign, display, label, tag, or articulation.
2. "Business" means any enterprise relating to any of the following:
  - a. The sale or offer for sale of goods or services.
  - b. A recruitment for employment or membership in an organization.
  - c. A solicitation to make an investment.
  - d. An amusement or entertainment activity.
3. "Fair" means any of the following:
  - a. The annual fair and exposition held by the Iowa state fair board pursuant to chapter 173 or any fair held by a county or district fair or agricultural society under the provisions of chapter 174.<sup>1</sup>
  - b. An exhibition of agricultural or manufactured products.
  - c. An event for operation of amusement rides or devices or concession booths.
4. "Game" means a "game of chance" or "game of skill" as defined in section 99B.1.
5. "Pet" means a living animal which is limited to a dog, cat, or an animal normally maintained in a small tank or cage in or near a residence, including but not limited to a rabbit, gerbil, hamster, mouse, parrot, canary, mynah, finch, tropical fish, goldfish, snake, turtle, gecko, or iguana.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 717E.2 PET AWARDS PROHIBITED.

A person is guilty of a simple misdemeanor if the person awards a pet or advertises that a pet may be awarded as any of the following:

1. A prize for participating in a game.
2. A prize for participating in a fair event.
3. An inducement or condition for visiting a place of business or attending an event sponsored by a business.
4. An inducement or condition for executing a contract which includes provisions unrelated to the ownership, care, or disposition of the pet.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 717E.3 EXCEPTIONS.

This chapter shall not apply to any of the following:

1. A pet shop licensed pursuant to section 162.5 if the award of a pet is provided in connection with the sale of a pet on the premises of the pet shop.
2. Youth programs associated with 4-H clubs; future farmers of America; the Izaak Walton league of America; or organizations associated with outdoor recreation, hunting, or fishing including but not limited to the Iowa sportsmen's federation.

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<sup>1</sup> See chapter 1175, §391 herein