



Senator Jim Hughes
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HUGHES’ “PUPPY MILL” LEGISLATION CLEARS SENATE CHAMBER

COLUMBUS – State Senator Jim Hughes (R – Columbus) today saw his legislative colleagues offer their support to Senate Bill 130, commonly referred to as the “puppy mill bill.” Sponsored by Senator Hughes, the measure aims to remedy conditions of abuse and neglect that are sometimes associated with high-volume dog breeding facilities.

The issue has long been a priority for the Republican lawmaker, and the passage of Senate Bill 130 is the culmination of more than seven years of continuous work.

Hughes’ plan seeks out dangerous and hazardous breeders, while reiterating the importance of responsible operators who conduct business with the animals’ best interest in mind. The legislation establishes a commercial dog kennel control authority that will assist in administering new, fair licensing requirements and standards of care for certain dog breeding kennels. Additionally, the oversight body will assist in the inspection and enforcement of laws pertaining to commercial kennels throughout Ohio.

“For too long, Ohio has been considered home to the worst of our nation’s so-called puppy mills,” Hughes said. “This bill – which is years in the making and long overdue – aims to protect defenseless animals in our state and ensure that the business of breeding is conducted in a lawful and humane manner.”

Senate Bill 130 has received the support of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association, the Columbus Dog Connection, and the Humane Society of the United States.

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Senator Jim Hughes represents the 16th Ohio Senate District, which includes a portion of Franklin County. Senator Hughes currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Financial Institutions.