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MEMORANDUM

To: House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

From: Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2030

HB 2030 makes amendments to the pet animal act. Section 1 provides guidelines for operating a rescue network. A person must obtain a license before operating a rescue network. Rescue networks may use pet animal foster homes, and the rescue network is responsible for ensuring the foster homes comply with the pet animal act. Each rescue network must have a manager who is responsible for carrying out the administrative duties for the rescue network.

Section 2 provides that rescue networks and animal shelters that are property licensed may host adoption events at a location other than the licensed premises as long as all rules and regulations are complied with. The animal health commissioner shall be made aware of any such adoption event.

Section 3 amends the definition section of the pet animal act. It modernizes the definitions to use current language used in the industry. It strikes the definitions of “ambient temperature,” “retail breeder,” “retail breeder premises,” “retail” and “wholesale,” and defines “rescue network,” “rescue network manager” and “pet animal foster home.”

Section 4 provides that new licenses issued shall expire on September 30 instead of June 30, and this change is carried on throughout the bill.

Section 7 provides that a person who has been convicted of cruelty to animals shall not receive a license.

Section 8 requires the animal health commissioner to inspect each premises for which a license is issued in accordance with an inspection frequency schedule.

Section 12 prohibits the use of carbon monoxide chambers for the euthanasia of dogs and cats.

Section 15 establishes license fees and creates new license types for a boarding or training premises and a rescue network. Premises that would fall under multiple licenses must pay for the most expensive license and an additional \$50 for each additional license.

Section 17 amends the membership of the Kansas pet animal advisory board to add a member from a rescue network.

Additionally, the bill strikes the terms “pound” and “kennel” throughout the act and replaces the term “facility” with “premises.” The bill also repeals three additional statutes including a severability clause, the temporary closing permit provision and the retail breeder license category.