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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A STATE
DOG.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is full of shelter dogs looking for a forever home; and

2 WHEREAS, there are many animal welfare agencies in the State of Delaware who are proud to provide care for
3 these homeless dogs, striving to enhance the well-being of companion animals and committing to ending pet
4 overpopulation; and

5 WHEREAS, they promote the humane treatment of animals by providing adoption opportunities, low-cost
6 veterinary services, and education programs; and

7 WHEREAS, usually when adopting a pet, the cost of spay and neuter, first vaccinations (and sometimes
8 microchipping) is included in the adoption price, saving the up-front costs of adding a new member to your family; and

9 WHEREAS, when shelter dogs are spayed or neutered and receive vaccinations, they are happier and healthier;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, adopting a shelter dog saves a life, breaks the cycle of pet overpopulation, and stops cruelty in mass
12 breeding facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, each year 2.7 million adoptable dogs and cats are euthanized in the United States simply because too
14 many pets come into shelters and too few people consider adoption when looking for a pet; and

15 WHEREAS, the number of euthanized animals could be reduced dramatically if more people adopted dogs instead
16 of buying them, opening up shelter space for another dog who might desperately need it; and

17 WHEREAS, dogs give unconditional love, and have been shown to be psychologically, emotionally and
18 physically beneficial to their companions, giving one a sense of purpose and fulfillment, and lessening feelings of
19 loneliness; and

20 WHEREAS, many dogs from shelters and rescues are already house-trained, which means not only is a dog's life
21 being saved, but your rug could be saved as well; and

22 WHEREAS, animal shelters and rescue groups are brimming with happy, healthy dogs just waiting for someone to
23 take them home.

24 NOW, THEREFORE:

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

26 Section 1. Amend § 327, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strikethrough and
27 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

28 § 327. State dog ~~[Expired]~~.

29 This act designates rescue dogs as the official state dog.

SYNOPSIS

This act designates rescue dogs as the official state dog.