

HB 1811 -- BREED SPECIFIC DOG LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill specifies that a village, town, or city, including any home rule city, has the authority to prohibit dogs from running at large or to further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries if the ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is not breed specific.

The bill specifies that the General Assembly occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation touching in any way the control or regulation of specific breeds of dogs.