House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 20 June 2006

Local Government Law Reform Bill

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Proposed amendments

Gordon Copeland, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

New clause 9B
To insert the following clause after clause 9A:

9B   Microchip transponder must be implanted in certain dogs

(1)   Section 36A is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (5A):

"(5B) Despite anything in this section, a microchip transponder may not be implanted, without the owner's consent, in a dog which is a working dog and which is kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock, if that dog—
    "(a)   is registered:
    "(b)   is not classified as—
            "(i)   dangerous under section 31; or
            "(ii)   menacing under section 33A or section 33C:
    "(c)   is not impounded under this Act."

(2)   This section comes into force on 1 July 2006.

New clause 9G
To insert the following clause after clause 9F:

9G   Impounded dog must be microchipped and registered before release

(1)   The heading to section 69A is amended by inserting "**, menacing, or dangerous**" after "**impounded**".

(2)   Section 69A(1) is amended by inserting "that has been classified as menacing or dangerous and" after "A registered dog".

(3)   Section 69A(2) is repealed.

(4)   Section 69A(4) is amended by inserting "that has been classi-fied as menacing or dangerous and" after "An unregistered dog".

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Dog Control Act 1996 (Part 1 of the Local Government Law Reform Bill).

The Act is amended to exempt working dogs, that are kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock, from the requirement that they be implanted with microchip transponders from 1 July 2006, except where such dogs are classified as menacing, dangerous or impounded.

This Supplementary Order Paper also provides farmers with the opportunity to voluntarily microchip working dogs as part of the normal registration process.