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## Research Note

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### Bill Number

House Bill 17-1228

### Sponsors

*Representatives Pabon &  
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### Short Title

*Pet Animal Care Technology  
Platform Regulation*

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### Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on June 5, 2017.

### Background

Pet animal care facilities in Colorado, including breeders, shelters, boarders, retailers, and groomers, are regulated and licensed under the Colorado Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act (PACFA).

### House Action

***House Business Affairs and Labor Committee (March 23, 2017).*** At the hearing, representatives from Rover.com, Revolution Dog Services, and three private citizens testified in support of the bill. Representatives from Mile High Mutts, Doggie Pause, the Colorado Association of Dog Daycares, Lucky Dog and Lucky Pet at Home Pet Services, City Bark, Rover Retreat, U Lucky Dog, and Canine Fitness and Fun Center testified in opposition to the bill. A representative from Padlock Dog Training and the Colorado Department of Agriculture testified on the bill from a neutral position.

The committee adopted amendment L.001, and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Finance Committee. Amendment L.001 added specific crimes that a person must not have been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to in order to be permitted to act as a pet animal

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caregiver on a pet animal care technology platform.

**House Finance Committee (April 10, 2017).** The committee adopted amendment L.004, and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Committee of the Whole. Amendment L.004 struck everything below the enacting clause and substituted a provision that exempts the boarding or pet handling of no more than three pet animals and pet animal care technology platforms from the provisions of PACFA.

**House second reading (April 13, 2017).** The House adopted the House Finance Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

**House third reading (April 17, 2017).** The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

## Senate Action

**Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee (April 24, 2017).** At the hearing, a representative from Rover.com and one private citizen testified in support of the bill. A representative from the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners and the American Kennel Club testified in a neutral position. The committee adopted amendment L.006, and referred the bill, as amended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

Amendment L.006 removed pet handling from the exemptions in the bill; specified that the boarding of no more than three pet animals at one time is exempt from PAFCA; and substituted language that exempts companies that use technology in its business model that is not a pet animal facility.

**Senate second reading (April 26, 2017).** The Senate adopted the Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee report and passed the bill, as amended, on second reading.

**Senate third reading (April 27, 2017).** The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

## Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *The Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act*, Issue Brief, April 2017: [http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/ib\\_17-18\\_pet\\_animal\\_care\\_facilities\\_act.pdf](http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/ib_17-18_pet_animal_care_facilities_act.pdf).