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ANALYSIS:

A01199 removes existing law making it a summary offense to show a dog with cropped ears unless the person showing the dog has a certificate either from a veterinarian stating that the cropping was done by a veterinarian, or from a county treasurer stating that the dog was cut before the effective date of the section (the newly added sections do not single out an additional violation for showing a dog with the condition named).

Language from the existing ear cropping section is added to new sections (h)(2), (3), (4), and (5) to make it prima facie evidence of a violation of the act to have any dog with an unhealed wound resulting from the condition named, "in the charge or custody of any such person or confined upon the premises owned by or under the control of any person."

A provision is added to section (h)(3) (tail docking) to allow a veterinarian to perform the procedure on a dog between the ages of 5 days and 12 weeks of age if the veterinarian feels it is medically necessary and when performed with generally accepted standards of veterinary practice.

Record keeping requirements are outlined and numerous technical changes are made.

Finally, the provision giving State dog wardens the authority to enforce the Cruelty to Animals section of the Crimes Code (Section 5511 of Title 18) is removed.