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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Animal Protection and Control Act (*No. 19 of 2010*), may be cited as the Animal Protection and Control (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2023.

2. Insertion of new section 7A in the principal Act.

The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 7 of the following —

“7A. Microchip dog licence.

- (1) Any licensed veterinarian may insert a microchip in a dog.
- (2) Where a microchip has been inserted in a dog, the Director may issue a microchip dog licence.
- (3) A microchip dog licence shall be valid for a year.
- (4) The application and fee for a microchip dog licence shall be in such form and amount as the Director may determine.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause 1 of the Bill sets out the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to provide for microchip dog licences to be issued by the Director where a person makes application and pays the prescribed fee.