

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(3/11/2013, Amended in Committee)

[Health Code - Commercial Dog Walking Regulations]

Ordinance amending the Health Code to correct numbering and clarify provisions of the Commercial Dog Walking Ordinance.

Existing Law

Article 39 of the Health Code establishes a permitting scheme for commercial dog walkers and sets a number of regulatory and operating requirements for such businesses.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend Article 39 to make the numbering scheme for the Code sections in the Article conform to the numbering scheme for other Articles of the Health Code.

The proposal would also make other non-substantive changes to the Article to clarify various provisions.

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The amendment of the whole, dated March 11, 2013, differs from the legislation on file, dated February 12, 2013, in one respect:

The Health Code currently imposes a training requirement for applicants seeking a new Commercial Dog Walking permit. (See SF Health Code § 39.06(a).) The Health Code waives the training requirement for any applicant who, on September 1, 2012, held for at least the past three consecutive years a valid City business registration certificate for a dog walking business, or who had, as of that same date, worked as a dog walker for such a business for at least the past three consecutive years. (See SF Health Code § 39.06(c).)

The amendment of the whole would extend the cut-off date for waiver of the training requirement from the current September 1, 2012, to March 1, 2013.