

TETHERING BILL FACT SHEET



Tamira Thayne, chained to a doghouse at the first Dogs Deserve Better Chain Off, 2004



She was advocating on behalf of Snowball, a Pennsylvania dog who died never knowing freedom after spending his entire life chained.

PA DOG ADVOCATES
HAVE WAITED SIX YEARS
PA DOGS HAVE WAITED
THEIR ENTIRE LIVES

SB1435: Now in Senate Ag Committee

On July 8, 2010, State Senator Richard Alloway II (R-Adams, Franklin and York Counties) and Senator Andrew E. Dinniman (D-Chester and Montgomery Counties) introduced Senate Bill 1435. The law would prohibit chaining from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and provide other limits on length and tethering during periods of excessive heat or cold.

HB????: Bill Never Materialized

On March 5, 2010 state Rep. James Casorio (D-Westmoreland) announced that he would introduce new legislation to limit tethering of dogs. Rep. Caltagirone (House Judiciary Committee Chair) was to be a co-prime sponsor of the new bill. During a meeting with Rep. Caltagirone on April 19, I was personally assured the bill would be out within a week. It never came. Why not?

This bill would have allowed tethering for up to 8 cumulative hours per day, two hours at a time. I personally preferred this bill.

HB1254: Bill has been in House Judiciary Committee during the 09-10 Session. It is being left to languish in favor of the above bill which never materialied

HB1254 was introduced on April 13, 2009 by Rep. Mario Scavello (R) of Monroe County. It was the third anti-tethering bill to be introduced in Pennsylvania. It was based on the previous bill, HB1065 which garnered substantial legislative support from both political parties as well as overwhelming public support.

HB1065: Session 07-08 Bill

HB 1065 was introduced on April 18, 2007 by Rep. Mario Scavello (R) of Monroe County. On September 25, 2007 the bill HB 1065 was reported out of the House Judiciary Committee by a *vote of 24 to 4*. The bill was placed on the House Calendar and received first consideration on Sept. 25, 2007. However, immediately thereafter, the bill was "tabled" until October 15, 2007 when it was removed from table and re-committed to the Appropriations Committee instead of being allowed to move forward. The bill sat in Appropriations for over a year until it finally died in Committee in December of 2008.

HB1911: Session 05-06 Bill

HB1911 was introduced on August 18, 2005 by Rep. Mario Scavello (R) of Monroe County, and referred to the House Judiciary Committee where the bill later died.

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