

New Hampshire – Statutory history to 2019. Changes made by HB 4, Budget Bill, signed by Governor Sununu, September 26, 2019.

“Commercial kennel” means any person, business, corporation, or other entity that transfers 10 or more litters or 50 or more puppies in any 12-month period. 437:1 Definitions, II 7/1/17

437:7 Exceptions. – **The license provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to breeders of dogs that do not meet the definition of commercial kennel in RSA 437:1, veterinarians, or the transfer of livestock or poultry.** 7/1/17

Effective 7/1/17 437:1 IV. **"Pet vendor"** means any person, firm, corporation, or other entity **engaged in the business of transferring live animals or birds customarily used as household pets to the public**, with or without a fee or donation required, and whether or not a physical facility is owned by the licensee in New Hampshire, **when transfer to the final owner occurs within New Hampshire.**

V. "Transfer" means transfer of ownership of live animals or birds from any person, firm, corporation, or other entity to a member of the public.

437:3 Requirements. – **No pet vendor shall transfer animals or birds without a license.** A pet vendor shall apply to the commissioner for a license, giving such information as the commissioner shall require. The application shall include proof that the zoning enforcement official of the municipality wherein any facility is to be maintained has certified that the facility conforms to the municipal zoning regulations. The application shall be

accompanied by a non-refundable \$200 fee. All licenses shall expire on June 30 of each year and be subject to renewal upon submission of a new application. No licenses shall be transferable. A pet vendor licensed under this subdivision shall:

Prior language, still on Agency website, January 2017

437:1 License Required.

No person, firm, corporation or other entity shall engage in the business of transferring with or without a fee or donation required, to the public, **live animals or birds customarily used as household pets** unless the premises on which they are housed, harbored or displayed for such purposes are duly licensed and inspected by the department of agriculture, markets, and food of the state of New Hampshire.

This section shall also apply to commercial kennels and to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity engaged in the business of, including activity as a broker, transferring live animals or birds customarily used as household pets for transfer to the public, with or without a fee required, and whether or not a physical facility is owned by the licensee in New Hampshire when transfer to the final owner occurs within New Hampshire. These provisions shall not effect the provisions of RSA 437:7.