

H. B. No. 350
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, delete "and"; after "959.99" insert ", and 1
1717.06" 2

In line 3 of the title, delete "and" and insert ","; after 3
"bestiality" insert ", and residency requirements for humane society 4
agents" 5

In line 4, delete "and"; after "959.99" insert ", and 1717.06" 6

After line 221, insert: 7

"Sec. 1717.06. A county humane society organized under 8
section 1717.05 of the Revised Code may appoint agents, ~~who are~~ 9
~~residents of the county or municipal corporation for which the~~ 10
~~appointment is made,~~ for the purpose of prosecuting any person 11
guilty of an act of cruelty to persons or animals. Such agents 12
may arrest any person found violating this chapter or any other 13
law for protecting persons or animals or preventing acts of 14
cruelty thereto. Upon making an arrest the agent forthwith shall 15
convey the person arrested before some court or magistrate 16
having jurisdiction of the offense, and there make complaint 17
against the person on oath or affirmation of the offense. 18



All appointments of agents under this section shall be 19
approved by the mayor of the municipal corporation for which 20
they are made. If the society exists outside a municipal 21
corporation, such appointments shall be approved by the probate 22
judge of the county for which they are made. The mayor or 23
probate judge shall keep a record of such appointments. 24

In order to qualify for appointment as a humane agent 25
under this section, a person first shall successfully complete a 26
minimum of twenty hours of training on issues relating to the 27
investigation and prosecution of cruelty to and neglect of 28
animals. The training shall comply with rules recommended by the 29
peace officer training commission under section 109.73 of the 30
Revised Code and shall include, without limitation, instruction 31
regarding animal husbandry practices as described in division 32
(A) (12) of that section. A person who has been appointed as a 33
humane agent under this section prior to ~~the effective date of~~ 34
~~this amendment April 9, 2003~~ may continue to act as a humane 35
agent for a period of time on and after ~~the effective date of~~ 36
~~this amendment April 9, 2003~~ without completing the training. 37
However, on or before December 31, 2004, a person who has been 38
appointed as a humane agent under this section prior to ~~the~~ 39
~~effective date of this amendment April 9, 2003~~ shall 40
successfully complete the training described in this paragraph 41
and submit proof of its successful completion to the appropriate 42
appointing mayor or probate judge in order to continue to act as 43
a humane agent after December 31, 2004. 44

An agent of a county humane society only has the specific 45
authority granted to the agent under this section and section 46
1717.08 of the Revised Code." 47

In line 222, delete "and" 48

In line 223, after "959.99" insert ", and 1717.06"	49
In line 233, delete "and"	50
In line 234, after "959.99" insert ", and 1717.06"	51

The motion was _____ agreed to.

<u>SYNOPSIS</u>	52
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Humane society agent residency requirement	53
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R.C. 1717.06	54
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Reenacts current law provisions removing residency	55
requirements for humane society agents, which were found	56
inapplicable in the Ohio Sixth Appellate District; thus making	57
those provisions enforceable in that District.	58