

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVES WHEAT, MCFARLAND, AND MCMAHEN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ANIMALS: Provides relative to sterilization of animals sold or released for adoption from shelters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2472(A)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph), relative to
3 sterilization of certain animals; to provide for qualifications of an individual
4 performing a sterilization; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:2472(A)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended
7 and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2472. Sterilization required

9 A. Provisions shall be made for the sterilization of all dogs and cats sold or
10 released for adoption or purchased from any public or private animal shelter or
11 animal control agency operated by a humane society or by a parish, city, or other
12 political subdivision by either:

13 (1) Providing sterilization by a Louisiana licensed veterinarian or an
14 individual that meets the qualifications contained in R.S. 37:1514(2) before
15 relinquishing custody of the animal.

16 (2) Entering into a written agreement with the adopter or purchaser
17 guaranteeing that sterilization will be performed by a Louisiana licensed veterinarian
18 or an individual that meets the qualifications contained in R.S. 37:1514(2) in

1 compliance with a sterilization agreement that shall contain the following
2 information:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes students of veterinarian schools, under certain conditions, to perform sterilization procedures on certain animals sold or released for adoption by animal shelters.

Present law requires any public or private animal shelter or animal control agency that sells, or releases through adoption, a dog or cat, to first have it sterilized, or enter into an agreement with the adopter or purchaser to have it sterilized, by a La. licensed veterinarian.

Proposed law maintains present law and authorizes anyone who is a regular student in a veterinary school performing duties or actions assigned by his instructors, or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school vacation period, to also perform sterilizations on dogs or cats being sold or released through adoption by an animal shelter or animal control agency in the state.

(Amends R.S. 3:2472(A)(1) and (2)(intro. para.))