

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 178 (HB 177)

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Existing law prohibits the practice of veterinary medicine in La. by anyone who is not a licensed veterinarian or does not possess a valid temporary permit issued by the La. Bd. of Veterinary Medicine with the exception of 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.

Existing 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. Authorizes certain public or private animal shelters or animal control agencies to enter into an agreement with an adopter or purchaser ensuring that sterilization will be performed by a La. licensed veterinarian.

New law maintains existing law and authorizes a regular student in the fourth year or the second semester of their third year of veterinary school that is performing duties under existing law 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.

Effective August 1, 2021.

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