

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2452(B) and to enact R.S. 3:2452(C), relative to the
3 declaration of abandoned animals after a declared emergency; to provide
4 requirements for declaring an animal abandoned after a declared emergency; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:2452(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:2452(C) is
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2452. Abandoned animals

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11 B. After a declared emergency, an animal shall be considered abandoned
12 when such animal is receiving temporary shelter services in a facility operated by the
13 Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the owner has not claimed the animal
14 within thirty days of the declared emergency and a reasonable effort has been made
15 to contact the owner.

1 C. The owner of an abandoned animal shall be deemed to have relinquished
2 all rights and claims to such animal by virtue of such abandonment, except as
3 provided in R.S. 3:2454(B).

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____