2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVES WHEAT, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, AND THOMPSON

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) provided that
15	individual is in their fourth year or the second semester of their third year of
16	veterinary school before relinquishing custody of the animal.
17	(2) Entering into a written agreement with the adopter or purchaser
18	guaranteeing that sterilization will be performed by a Louisiana licensed veterinarian
19	or an individual that meets the qualifications contained in R.S. 37:1514(2) provided

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1	that individual is in their fourth year or the second semester of their third year of
2	veterinary school in compliance with a sterilization agreement that shall contain the
3	following 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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> maintains <u>present law</u> and authorizes anyone who is a regular student in the 4th year or the 2nd semester of their 3rd year of 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. 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 regular student in the 4th year or 2nd semester of their 3rd year of veterinary school under applicable supervision.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the qualification that veterinary students must be in their 4th year or the 2nd semester of their 3rd year to perform sterilization procedures under proposed <u>law</u>.