

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 216

BY SENATOR CARTER

ANIMALS. Creates the Louisiana Animal Shelter Registry. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S.3:2364(D)(11) and 2366, relative to animal shelters; to create the Louisiana  
3 Animal Shelter Registry; to provide relative to the duties of the Louisiana Animal  
4 Welfare Commission; to provide for voluntary registration of animal shelters; to  
5 provide for definitions; to provide for registration form requirements; to require  
6 certain records; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S.3:2364(D)(11) and 2366 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2364. Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission

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11 D. Duties and functions. The commission shall have powers and duties  
12 necessary to carry out its purpose, including but not limited to the following:

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14 **(11) To establish and maintain the Louisiana Animal Shelter Registry.**

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16 **§2366. Louisiana Animal Shelter Registry**

17 **A. The legislature finds that the establishment and maintenance of a**

1 voluntary animal shelter registry will enable the Louisiana Animal Welfare  
2 Commission to carry out its duties.

3 B. As used in this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:

4 (1) "Commission" means the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission.

5 (2) "Public animal shelter" means an animal shelter owned, operated,  
6 or designated for the purpose of impoundment of animals by any parish,  
7 municipality, or other subdivision of the state.

8 C. The commission shall establish and maintain a registry for animal  
9 shelters called the Louisiana Animal Shelter Registry.

10 D. On or before the first day of February of each calendar year, each  
11 parish governing authority may submit to the commission a list of all public  
12 animal shelters located within the parish's jurisdiction. The list shall include:

13 (1) The name, physical address, mailing address, contact number, and  
14 email address of the public animal shelter.

15 (2) The name, physical address, mailing address, contact number, and  
16 email address of the operator of the public animal shelter.

17 (3) The name and contact information for the parish or municipal animal  
18 control officer.

19 (4) The hours of operation.

20 E. On or before the first day of February of each calendar year, each  
21 public animal shelter may submit the following to the commission:

22 (1) The Basic Animal Data Matrix, submitted as "transparent" data, to  
23 the Shelter Animal Counts database found at  
24 <http://www.shelteranimalscount.org>. Public animal shelters may submit the  
25 matrix electronically through this website or fill it out manually and mail it to  
26 the commission, which will input the data on behalf of the shelter.

27 (2) A brief narrative description, not to exceed two pages of twelve point  
28 font, of how the animal shelter is ensuring compliance with the provisions of  
29 R.S. 3:2461 et seq. and R.S. 3:2471 et seq.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides for the duties and functions of the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission (commission).

Proposed law requires the commission to establish and maintain the Louisiana Animal Shelter Registry.

Proposed law provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Commission" means the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission.
- (2) "Public animal shelter" means an animal shelter owned, operated, or designated for the purpose of impoundment of animals by any parish, municipality, or other subdivision of the state.

Proposed law authorizes each parish governing authority to submit to the commission a list of all public animal shelters located within the parish's jurisdiction. The list shall include:

- (1) The name, physical address, mailing address, contact number, and email address of the public animal shelter.
- (2) The name, physical address, mailing address, contact number, and email address of the operator of the public animal shelter.
- (3) The name and contact information for the parish or municipal animal control officer.
- (4) The hours of operation.

Proposed law authorizes each public animal shelter to submit the following to the commission:

- (1) The Basic Animal Data Matrix, submitted as "transparent" data, to the Shelter Animal Counts database found at <http://www.shelteranimalscount.org>. Public animal shelters may submit the matrix electronically through the website or fill it out manually and mail it to the commission, which will input the data on behalf of the shelter.
- (2) A brief narrative description, not to exceed two pages of twelve point font, of how the animal shelter is ensuring compliance with the provisions of present law.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S.3:2364(D)(11) and 2366)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Deletes provisions requiring parish governing authorities and municipalities to register with the commission and instead authorizes them to submit a list

of all public animal shelters located within their jurisdiction.

2. Deletes registration form requirements.
3. Authorizes each public animal shelter to submit certain information to the commission.
4. Provides for definitions and technical changes.