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DIGEST

SB 216 Engrossed

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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.