

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided for the duties and functions of the La. Animal Welfare Commission (commission).

New law requires the commission to establish and maintain the La. Animal Shelter Registry.

New law provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Commission" means the La. 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.

New 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.

New 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 Animals Count 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 12 point font, of how the animal shelter is ensuring compliance with prior law.

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