

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AGRICULTURE: Provides relative to the declaration of abandoned animals after a declared emergency

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 and the owner has not
13 claimed the animal within ninety days of the declared emergency and a reasonable
14 effort has been made to contact the owner.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the declaration of abandoned animals after a declared emergency.

Present law provides that an animal is considered abandoned when the owner of the animal has not paid the charge for veterinary services or for boarding within 10 days after rendition to the owner of the invoice for such services or boarding and no other agreement with the owner has been reached for the payment of such charge for services or boarding.

Proposed law retains present law and adds requirements for declaring an animal abandoned after a declared emergency. Specifies that an animal is declared abandoned after a declared emergency when the animal is receiving temporary shelter services and the owner does not claim the animal within 90 days of the declared emergency.

(Amends R.S. 3:2452(B); Adds R.S. 3:2452(C))