

Proposed law requires any animal seized while running at large and bearing no identification, including a microchip registered to the owner or a name tag with traceable information, to be held for a minimum of seventy-two hours prior to becoming property of the animal shelter or animal control agency.

Proposed law further provides an exemption to the seventy-two hour minimum hold requirement for the following animals:

- (1) Any cat seized while running at large and bearing no identification which is sterilized and returned to the area where the cat was originally seized.
- (2) Any severely injured or terminally ill animal.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 3:2463(C) and (E); adds R.S. 3:2462(6), (7), and (8) and 2465(E) and (F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Defines the terms "severely injured" and "terminally ill".
2. Expands the training requirement for inspectors and shelter personnel to include organizations that offer accredited continuing education courses regarding shelter safety, animal welfare, and state compliance procedures.
3. Exempts certain cats and severely injured or terminally ill animals from the seventy-two hour minimum hold requirement.