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HB 177 Engrossed

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Wheat

Abstract: Authorizes students of veterinarian schools, under certain conditions, to perform sterilization procedures on certain animals sold or released for adoption by animal shelters.

<u>Present law</u> requires any public or private animal shelter or animal control agency that sells, or releases through adoption, a dog or cat, to first have it sterilized, or enter into an agreement with the adopter or purchaser to have it sterilized, by a La. licensed veterinarian.

<u>Proposed law</u> maintains <u>present law</u> and authorizes anyone who is a regular student in a veterinary school performing duties or actions assigned by his instructors, or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school vacation period, to also perform sterilizations on dogs or cats being sold or released through adoption by an animal shelter or animal control agency in the state.

(Amends R.S. 3:2472(A)(1) and (2)(intro. para.))