

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVES WHEAT, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, AND THOMPSON

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

ANIMALS: Provides relative to sterilization of animals sold or released for adoption from shelters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2472(A)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph), relative to  
3 sterilization of certain animals; to provide for qualifications of an individual  
4 performing a sterilization; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:2472(A)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended  
7 and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2472. Sterilization required

9 A. Provisions shall be made for the sterilization of all dogs and cats sold or  
10 released for adoption or purchased from any public or private animal shelter or  
11 animal control agency operated by a humane society or by a parish, city, or other  
12 political subdivision by either:

13 (1) Providing sterilization by a Louisiana licensed veterinarian or an  
14 individual that meets the qualifications contained in R.S. 37:1514(2) provided that  
15 individual is in their fourth year or the second semester of their third year of  
16 veterinary school before relinquishing custody of the animal.

17 (2) Entering into a written agreement with the adopter or purchaser  
18 guaranteeing that sterilization will be performed by a Louisiana licensed veterinarian  
19 or an individual that meets the qualifications contained in R.S. 37:1514(2) provided

