DIGEST

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HB 177 Reengrossed　　　　　　　2021 Regular Session　　　　　　　　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.

Present law 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. Authorizes certain public or private animal shelters or animal control agencies to enter into an agreement with an adopter or purchaser ensuring that sterilization will be performed by a La. licensed veterinarian.

Proposed law maintains present law and authorizes anyone who is a regular student in the 4th year or the 2nd semester of their 3rd year of 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. Authorizes certain public or private animal shelters or animal control agencies to enter into an agreement with an adopter or purchaser ensuring that sterilization will be performed by a regular student in the 4th year or 2nd semester of their 3rd year of veterinary school under applicable supervision.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

　　The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1.　　Add the qualification that veterinary students must be in their 4th year or the 2nd semester of their 3rd year to perform sterilization procedures under proposed law.