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DIGEST

Morrell (SB 131)

Present law provides for special prestige license plates for automobiles, including the "Animal Friendly" prestige license plate.

Present law provides that twenty-five dollars shall be charged for the Animal Friendly prestige license plate and such avails from the charge on this prestige license plate shall be deposited into the Pet Overpopulation Fund, which is to be used to provide reduced-cost sterilization of adult animals to indigent pet owners. Present law also provides for a three dollar and fifty cent handling fee for administrative costs of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Motor Vehicles for the special prestige license plate.

Proposed law retains present law relative to the Animal Friendly prestige license plate. Proposed law changes the \$25 charge to a \$25 royalty fee and distributes the avails of the royalty fee each quarter to the Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council, which is created under present law in the office of the governor. Proposed law retains the Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council and also retains the handling fee for administrative costs in the Office of Motor Vehicles.

Proposed law provides that the Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council shall distribute the monies to qualified entities as provided by law.

Proposed law provides that the Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council may reserve or expend up to five percent of the money received for the promotion and marketing of the prestige license plate and for administrative costs relative to the distribution of the monies.

Proposed law retains present law that states any indigent pet owner on public assistance shall qualify for low-cost services for animal population control.

Proposed law abolishes the Pet Overpopulation Fund upon the effective date of the proposed law and provides that any monies remaining in the fund shall be transferred to the Escrow Fund. Such monies shall be appropriated or otherwise distributed to the Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends 47:463.60(B), (C), (D)(intro para), and (E) and repeals R.S. 47:463.60(H))