

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Local & Federal Affairs
2 Committee

3 Representative Cummings offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 823.15, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended, present subsections (2) and (3) are
9 redesignated as subsections (3) and (4), respectively, and a new
10 subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

11 823.15 Dogs and cats released from animal shelters or
12 animal control agencies; sterilization requirement.-

13 (1) The Legislature has determined that the importation of
14 dogs and cats into, and the uncontrolled breeding of dogs and
15 cats in, this state pose risks to the well-being of dogs and
16 cats, the health of humans and animals, and the agricultural
17 interests in this state. Importation of dogs and cats from
18 outside the United States could result in the transmission of
19 diseases that have been eradicated in the United States to dogs

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20 and cats, other animals, and humans living in this state.
21 Uncontrolled breeding ~~The Legislature has determined that~~
22 ~~uncontrolled breeding of dogs and cats in the state~~ results in
23 the birth ~~production~~ of many more puppies and kittens than are
24 needed to provide pet animals to new owners or to replace pet
25 animals that ~~which~~ have died or become lost ~~or to provide pet~~
26 ~~animals for new owners~~. This leads to many dogs, cats, puppies,
27 and kittens being unwanted, becoming strays and suffering
28 privation and death, being impounded and destroyed at great
29 expense to the community, and constituting a public nuisance and
30 public health hazard. It is therefore declared to be the public
31 policy of the state that every feasible means be used to reduce
32 the incidence of birth ~~of reducing the production~~ of unneeded
33 and unwanted puppies and kittens ~~be encouraged~~. Determining
34 which programs result in improved adoption rates and in reduced
35 euthanasia rates for animals in shelters and animal control
36 agencies is crucial to this effort.

37 (2) (a) Each public or private animal shelter, humane
38 organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane
39 organization or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated
40 political subdivision, shall prepare and maintain the following
41 records for the preceding 3 years and make them available for
42 public inspection and dissemination, and beginning July 31,
43 2013, such records shall be prepared, maintained, and made
44 available for public inspection and dissemination on a monthly
45 basis:

46 1. The total number of dogs and cats taken in by the
47 public or private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal

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48 control agency operated by a humane society or by a county,
49 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision,
50 divided into species, in the following categories:

51 a. Surrendered by owner;

52 b. Stray;

53 c. Impounded;

54 d. Confiscated;

55 e. Transferred from within Florida;

56 f. Transferred into or imported from outside the state;

57 and

58 g. Born in shelter.

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60 Species other than domestic cats and domestic dogs should be
61 recorded as "other."

62 2. The disposition of all animals taken in by the public
63 or private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal
64 control agency operated by a humane society or by a county,
65 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision,
66 divided into species, in the following categories:

67 a. Adopted;

68 b. Reclaimed by owner;

69 c. Died in kennel;

70 d. Euthanized at the owner's request;

71 e. Transferred to another public or private animal
72 shelter, humane organization, or animal control agency operated
73 by a humane society or by a county, municipality, or other
74 incorporated political subdivision;

75 f. Euthanized;

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- 76 g. Released in field and trapped-neutered-released (TNR);
- 77 h. Lost in care and missing animals or records; and
- 78 i. Ending inventory and shelter count at end of the last
- 79 day of the month.

80 3. A public or private animal shelter, humane
 81 organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane
 82 society or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated
 83 political subdivision which routinely euthanizes dogs based on
 84 size or breed alone must provide a written statement of such
 85 policy. Dogs euthanized due to breed, temperament, or size must
 86 be recorded and included in the calculation of the total
 87 euthanasia percentage.

88 (b) The records of a public animal shelter, humane
 89 organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane
 90 society must be made available to the public pursuant to chapter
 91 119.

92 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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95 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

96 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

97 A bill to be entitled

98 An act relating to animal shelters and animal control
 99 agencies; amending s. 823.15, F.S.; declaring
 100 legislative priorities relating to the importation and
 101 uncontrolled breeding of dogs and cats; requiring that
 102 each public or private animal shelter, humane
 103 organization, or animal control agency operated by a

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104 humane society or by a county, municipality, or other
105 incorporated political subdivision prepare and
106 maintain specified records; specifying the information
107 that must be included in the records; providing for
108 public availability of such records; providing an
109 effective date.