

HB 1147

2018

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to abandoned animals; amending s.  
3           705.19, F.S.; specifying that an animal owner who  
4           abandons the animal has no expectation of privacy in  
5           the animal's body or remains; providing an effective  
6           date.

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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 705.19, Florida  
11           Statutes, is amended to read:

12           705.19 Abandonment of animals by owner; procedure for  
13           handling.—

14           (3) For the purpose of this section, the term  
15           "abandonment" means to forsake entirely or to neglect or refuse  
16           to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and support  
17           of an animal by its owner or the owner's agent. Such abandonment  
18           shall constitute the relinquishment of all rights and claim by  
19           the owner to such animal, including any expectation of privacy  
20           in the animal's body or remains.

21           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.