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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to animal cruelty; creating s.
3 828.135, F.S.; prohibiting the tethering or
4 confinement of a breeding sow or a calf raised
5 for veal in specified living enclosures;
6 providing exceptions; providing a penalty;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 828.135, Florida Statutes, is
12 created to read:

13 828.135 Tethering or confinement of breeding sow or
14 calf.--Any person who tethers or confines, or causes or
15 knowingly permits to be tethered or confined, a breeding sow
16 or a calf raised for veal, in a primary living enclosure that
17 prevents the sow or calf from standing up, lying down, or
18 turning around without any physical impediment commits a
19 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
20 775.082 or s. 775.083. This section shall not apply:

21 (1) When a sow or calf is undergoing an examination,
22 test, treatment, or operation carried out for veterinary
23 purposes, provided the period during which the animal is
24 tethered or confined is not longer than necessary for the
25 stated purpose.

26 (2) For purposes of confinement only, during the 7
27 days prior to a sow's expected date of giving birth and while
28 the sow is nursing her young.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
30 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Prohibits the tethering or confinement of a breeding sow or calf raised for veal in a primary living enclosure that prevents the sow or calf from standing up, lying down, or turning around without any physical impediment. Provides exceptions. Provides a first degree misdemeanor penalty for violation.