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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to trapping animals; amending  
s. 828.12, F.S.; subjecting trappers to ch.  
828, F.S.; providing standards for the care of  
trapped animals; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 828.12,  
Florida Statutes, to read:

828.12 Cruelty to animals.--

(5) Any person who engages in trapping an animal is  
subject to the provisions of this chapter. Animal traps must  
be visually checked at least every 24 hours. Trapped animals  
must be supplied with necessary food, water, medical care, and  
adequate shelter from natural elements or man-made conditions,  
and must be released, relocated, or if they are to be killed,  
humanely euthanized within 48 hours after capture. In  
relocating animals, mother animals must not be separated from  
their dependent offspring, if possible.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Subjects animal trappers to ch. 828, F.S. Provides that  
traps must be checked every 24 hours. Provides that  
trapped animals must be given certain care and released,  
relocated, or euthanized within 48 hours after capture.  
Prohibits separating mother animals from dependent  
offspring, if possible.