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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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The Committee on Agriculture (Peaden) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendments)

Delete lines 31 through 40

and insert:

570.97 Gertrude Maxwell Save a Pet Direct-Support Organization.--

(1) The Gertrude Maxwell Save a Pet Direct-Support Organization is created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The direct-support organization is governed by this section and ss. 570.902 and 570.903.

(2) The purpose of the direct-support organization is to provide grants to animal shelters for spaying and neutering, for shelters and services during times of emergencies, and to develop and disseminate educational materials concerning the care of pets. The direct-support organization may not participate in,



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18 endorse, or financially support political activities at the
19 national, state, or local level.

20 (3) The direct-support organization shall be governed by a
21 board of directors made up of eight members. The board of
22 directors of the direct-support organization shall include the
23 Commissioner of Agriculture, or his or her designee, who shall
24 choose one member from each of the following organizations who
25 shall be appointed to a term of 4 years:

26 (a) The Florida Veterinary Medical Association;

27 (b) The Cat Fancier Association;

28 (c) The Florida Association of Kennel Clubs;

29 (d) A humane society organization;

30 (e) The Florida Animal Control Association;

31 (f) The National Rifle Association; and

32 (g) One citizen member not otherwise associated with any of
33 the named organizations.

34 (4) The Commissioner of Agriculture may appoint up to three
35 nonvoting honorary members. Nominees must be individuals,
36 companies, or organizations that have demonstrated commitment to,
37 or made significant contributions to, the health, safety, or
38 well-being of animals. Gertrude Maxwell, or her designee, shall
39 be appointed as the first honorary member of the direct-support
40 organization. Honorary board members shall be appointed to a 1-
41 year term and may be appointed to a maximum of two consecutive
42 terms.

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45 And the title is amended as follows:

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47 Delete lines 2 through 8



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48 | and insert:

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50 | An act relating to the Gertrude Maxwell Save a Pet Act;
51 | providing a short title; creating s. 570.97, F.S.;
52 | creating a direct-support organization for the Department
53 | of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing for the
54 | organization and operation of the direct-support
55 | organization; providing for the purpose of the direct-
56 | support organization; providing that the direct-support
57 | organization be governed by a board of directors;
58 | providing for membership and terms; providing for the
59 | appointment of honorary board members; providing an
60 | effective date.