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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Bennett moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 183 and 184

insert:

Section 4. (1) (a) An animal control agency or animal shelter as defined in chapter 828, Florida Statutes, shall make every reasonable effort before killing an animal to release the animal to a qualified nonprofit organization organized under s. 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as an animal rescue or animal adoption agency or an agency for the prevention of cruelty to animals, if requested to do so by the organization before the scheduled killing of the animal in order to maximize the increase in the live outcomes for shelter pets.



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14 (b)1. An animal control agency or animal shelter may refuse
15 to transfer an animal to a rescue group if a current director,
16 officer, staff member, or volunteer of the rescue group has been
17 convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of a crime of
18 cruelty to animals or neglect of animals, or if such charges are
19 pending against a current director, officer, staff member, or
20 volunteer, or if the rescue group is constrained by a court
21 order that prevents the rescue group from taking in or keeping
22 animals.

23 2. An animal control agency or animal shelter may require
24 the rescue group to disclose any convictions, charges, or legal
25 impediments described in this subsection. An animal control
26 agency or animal shelter may require additional information
27 other than that described in this section as a prerequisite to
28 releasing an animal to a rescue group. Such a request for
29 information must be reasonable and with the intent of maximizing
30 the live outcomes of shelter pets.

31 (c) This subsection does not apply to an irremediably
32 suffering animal under s. 828.05, Florida Statutes, or a
33 dangerous dog under s. 767.13, Florida Statutes.

34 (2) An animal control agency or animal shelter shall
35 provide for public inspection a monthly and annual summary that
36 includes the number of animals, by species type, during the
37 previous month and year which were taken in by the animal
38 control agency or animal shelter and which were:

39 (a) Surrendered by the owner;

40 (b) Impounded as a stray;

41 (c) Confiscated by the animal control agency or animal
42 shelter;



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- 43 (d) Imported into the state;
- 44 (e) Returned to the animal's owners;
- 45 (f) Adopted;
- 46 (g) Transferred to other organizations or rescue groups;
- 47 (h) Euthanized by the animal control agency or animal
- 48 shelter;
- 49 (i) Lost or that died or were stolen while in the direct or
- 50 constructive care of the animal control agency or animal
- 51 shelter; and
- 52 (j) Continuing in the custody of the animal control agency
- 53 or animal shelter.

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55 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

56 And the title is amended as follows:

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58 Delete line 19
59 and insert:

60 to food; authorizing an animal control agency or
61 animal shelter to make every reasonable effort before
62 killing an animal to release the animal to a qualified
63 animal rescue or animal adoption agency or agency for
64 the prevention of cruelty to animals, if requested to
65 do so by the animal rescue or animal adoption
66 organization in order to maximize the increase in the
67 live outcomes for shelter pets; authorizing an animal
68 control agency or animal shelter to refuse to transfer
69 an animal to a rescue group if a current director,
70 officer, staff member, or volunteer of the rescue
71 group has been convicted of a crime of cruelty to



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72 animals or neglect of animals; authorizing the animal
73 control agency or animal shelter to demand that the
74 animal rescue organization provide certain information
75 as a prerequisite to releasing an animal to the rescue
76 group; providing an exception for an irremediably
77 suffering animal or a dangerous dog; requiring an
78 animal control agency or animal shelter to provide for
79 public inspection a monthly and annual summary that
80 includes specified information; providing an effective
81 date.