

By the Committee on Agriculture; and Senator Sachs

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the artificial coloring and sale of
3 certain animals and fowls; creating s. 828.1615, F.S.;
4 providing that it is unlawful for a person to dye or
5 artificially color any animal or fowl; providing that
6 it is unlawful to sell or give away animals of a
7 certain age; providing exceptions; providing criminal
8 penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 828.1615, Florida Statutes, is created
13 to read:

14 828.1615 Prohibiting artificial coloring and sale of
15 certain animals and fowls; construction.-

16 (1) It is unlawful for a person to dye or artificially
17 color any animal or fowl, including, but not limited to,
18 rabbits, baby chickens, and ducklings, or to bring a dyed or
19 artificially colored animal or fowl into this state.

20 (2) It is unlawful for a person to sell, offer for sale, or
21 give away as merchandising premiums, baby chickens, ducklings,
22 or other fowl under 4 weeks of age or rabbits under 2 months of
23 age to be used as pets, toys, or retail premiums.

24 (3) This section does not apply to any animal or fowl,
25 including, but not limited to, rabbits, baby chickens, and
26 ducklings, to be used or raised for agricultural purposes by
27 persons with proper facilities to care for them, by agricultural
28 entities for protective health purposes, or for poultry or
29 livestock exhibitions.

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30 (4) A person violating this section commits a misdemeanor
31 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
32 775.083.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.