

By the Committees on Criminal Justice; and 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 fowl; creating s. 828.1615, F.S.;
4 providing that it is unlawful to sell, barter, or give
5 away animals or fowl that have been dyed or colored;
6 providing that it is unlawful to sell, offer to sell,
7 or give away certain animals of a certain age to be
8 used as pets, toys, or retail premiums; providing
9 exceptions; providing criminal penalties; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 828.1615, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 828.1615 Prohibiting artificial coloring and sale of
17 certain animals and fowl; construction.-

18 (1) It is unlawful for a person, firm, or corporation, to
19 sell, barter, or give away any animal or fowl that has been dyed
20 or artificially colored, including, but not limited to, rabbits,
21 baby chickens, and ducklings.

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

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

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30 entities for protective health purposes, or for poultry or
31 livestock exhibitions.

32 (4) A person violating this section commits a misdemeanor
33 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
34 775.083.

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