

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Agriculture & Natural
 2 Resources Subcommittee

3 Representative Cummings offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 823.15, Florida
 8 Statutes, is amended, present subsections (2) and (3) are
 9 redesignated as subsections (3) and (4), respectively, and a new
 10 subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

11 823.15 Dogs and cats released from animal shelters or
 12 animal control agencies; sterilization requirement.-

13 (1) The Legislature has determined that the importation of
 14 dogs and cats into, and the uncontrolled breeding of dogs and
 15 cats in, this state pose risks to the well-being of dogs and
 16 cats, the health of humans and animals, and the agricultural
 17 interests in this state. Importation of dogs and cats from
 18 outside the United States could result in the transmission of
 19 diseases that have been eradicated in the United States to dogs
 20 and cats, other animals, and humans living in this state.

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21 Uncontrolled breeding ~~The Legislature has determined that~~
22 ~~uncontrolled breeding of dogs and cats in the state~~ results in
23 the birth production of many more puppies and kittens than are
24 needed to provide pet animals to new owners or to replace pet
25 animals that ~~which~~ have died or become lost ~~or to provide pet~~
26 ~~animals for new owners~~. This leads to many dogs, cats, puppies,
27 and kittens being unwanted, becoming strays and suffering
28 privation and death, being impounded and destroyed at great
29 expense to the community, and constituting a public nuisance and
30 public health hazard. It is therefore declared to be the public
31 policy of the state that every feasible means be used to reduce
32 the incidence of birth ~~of reducing the production~~ of unneeded
33 and unwanted puppies and kittens ~~be encouraged~~. Determining
34 which programs result in improved adoption rates and in reduced
35 euthanasia rates for animals in shelters and animal control
36 agencies is crucial to this effort.

37 (2) (a) Each public or private animal shelter, humane
38 organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane
39 organization that accepts taxpayer dollars, or by a county,
40 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision, shall
41 prepare and maintain the following records and make them
42 available for public inspection and dissemination for the 3
43 preceding years. The following data will be available on a
44 monthly basis commencing July 31, 2013:

45 1. The total number of dogs and cats taken in by the
46 animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control agency,
47 divided into species, in the following categories:

48 a. Inventory on the first business day of the month;

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49 b. Surrendered by owner;

50 c. Stray;

51 d. Impounded;

52 e. Confiscated;

53 f. Transferred from within Florida;

54 g. Transferred into or imported from out of the state; and

55 h. Born in shelter.

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57 Species other than domestic cats and domestic dogs should be
58 recorded as "other."

59 2. The disposition of all animals taken in by a public or
60 private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control
61 agency operated by a humane society that accepts taxpayer
62 dollars, or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated
63 political subdivision, divided into species. These data must
64 include dispositions by:

65 a. Adoption;

66 b. Reclamation by owner;

67 c. Death in kennel;

68 d. Euthanasia at the owner's request;

69 e. Transfer to another public or private animal shelter,
70 humane organization, or animal control agency operated by a
71 humane society that accepts taxpayer dollars or by a county,
72 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision;

73 f. Euthanasia;

74 g. Died in care for reason other than euthanasia;

75 h. Released in field/Trapped, Neutered, Released (TNR);

76 i. Lost in care/missing animals or records; and

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77 j. Ending inventory/shelter count at end of the last day
78 of the month.

79 3. A public or private animal shelter, humane
80 organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane
81 society that accepts taxpayer dollars, or by a county,
82 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision which
83 routinely euthanizes dogs based on size or breed alone must
84 provide a written statement of such policy. Dogs euthanized due
85 to breed, temperament, or size must be recorded and included in
86 the calculation of the total euthanasia percentage.

87 (b) Records of a public animal shelter, humane
88 organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane
89 society that accepts taxpayer dollars must be made available to
90 the public pursuant to provisions in chapter 119. The entities
91 referenced in this section that have websites may post these
92 records online in addition to making available the required hard
93 copies. Records must be maintained onsite for not less than 3
94 years.

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

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99 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

100 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
101 An act relating to animal shelters and animal control agencies;
102 amending s. 823.15, F.S.; declaring legislative priorities
103 relating to the importation and uncontrolled breeding of dogs
104 and cats; requiring that each public or private animal shelter,

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105 humane organization, or animal control agency operated by a
106 humane society or by a county, municipality, or other
107 incorporated political subdivision prepare and maintain
108 specified records; specifying the information that must be
109 included in the records; providing a maximum fee for copies of
110 such records; providing that records may be posted online;
111 providing how long records must be maintained onsite; providing
112 an effective date.