

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Taddeo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the lease of dogs and cats;
3 creating s. 828.32, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of
4 possession of dogs and cats under specified
5 circumstances; prohibiting the lease of dogs and cats
6 under certain circumstances; providing remedies for
7 noncompliance; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 828.32, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 828.32 Lease of dogs or cats prohibited.—

14 (1) A person may not do any of the following:

15 (a) Transfer possession of a dog or cat, if the dog or cat
16 is used as collateral for the transfer agreement or is subject
17 to repossession in any manner upon default of the agreement.

18 (b) Lease a dog or cat, if the lease terms provide for or
19 offer the option of transferring ownership of the dog or cat at
20 the end of the lease period.

21 (2) In addition to any other remedies provided by law, the
22 consumer taking possession of a dog or cat in a transfer
23 prohibited by this section is the owner of the dog or cat and is
24 entitled to the return of all amounts the consumer paid under
25 such lease.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.