

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to lease contracts for the sale of  
 3           dogs and cats; creating s. 725.09, F.S.; providing  
 4           that certain contract provisions entered into on or  
 5           after a specified date for the sale or lease of dogs  
 6           and cats are void and unenforceable; providing an  
 7           exception for contracts for the repayment of unsecured  
 8           loans; 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 725.09, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 13 read:

14           725.09 Lease contracts for the sale of dogs and cats.—

15           (1) A contract entered into on or after July 1, 2020, may  
 16 not:

17           (a) Transfer ownership of a dog or cat in which the  
 18 ownership is contingent upon the making of payments over a  
 19 period of time subsequent to the transfer of possession of the  
 20 dog or cat;

21           (b) Provide for or offer the option of transferring  
 22 ownership of a dog or cat at the end of a lease term; or

23           (c) Repay a loan for the purchase of a dog or cat, where a  
 24 security interest is granted in the dog or cat purchased;  
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26 | and any such provision is void and unenforceable.

27 |       (2) In addition to any other remedies provided by law, the  
28 | person taking possession of a dog or cat transferred under a  
29 | contract described in subsection (1) is the owner of the dog or  
30 | cat and is entitled to the return of all moneys paid under such  
31 | contract.

32 |       (3) This section does not apply to contracts to repay an  
33 | unsecured loan for the purchase of a dog or cat.

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