

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency sheltering of persons
3 with pets; requiring counties to designate at least
4 one shelter that can accommodate persons with pets;
5 specifying requirements for such shelters; providing
6 an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 252.3568, Florida Statutes, is amended
11 to read:

12 252.3568 Emergency sheltering of persons with pets.—

13 (1) In accordance with s. 252.35, the division shall
14 address strategies for the evacuation of persons with pets in
15 the shelter component of the state comprehensive emergency
16 management plan and shall include the requirement for similar
17 strategies in its standards and requirements for local
18 comprehensive emergency management plans. The Department of
19 Agriculture and Consumer Services shall assist the division in
20 determining strategies regarding this activity.

21 (2) Each county must designate at least one shelter that
22 can accommodate persons with pets. The pets must be contained in
23 secure enclosures in an area of the facility separate from the
24 sheltering public. The shelter must be in compliance with safety
25 procedures regarding the sheltering of pets established in the

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26 | shelter component of the state comprehensive emergency
27 | management plan.

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