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2 An act relating to emergency sheltering of persons  
3 with pets; amending s. 252.3568, F.S.; requiring the  
4 Department of Education to assist the Division of  
5 Emergency Management in determining strategies  
6 regarding the evacuation of persons with pets;  
7 requiring counties that maintain designated shelters  
8 to designate a shelter that can accommodate persons  
9 with pets; specifying requirements for such shelters;  
10 providing an 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 252.3568, Florida Statutes, is amended  
15 to read:

16 252.3568 Emergency sheltering of persons with pets.—

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

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26        (2) If a county maintains designated shelters it must also  
27 designate a shelter that can accommodate persons with pets. The  
28 shelter must be in compliance with applicable FEMA Disaster  
29 Assistance Policies and Procedures and with safety procedures  
30 regarding the sheltering of pets established in the shelter  
31 component of both local and state comprehensive emergency  
32 management plans.

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