

By Senator Bean

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to emergency sheltering of persons  
3       with pets; amending s. 252.3568, F.S.; requiring  
4       counties to designate at least one shelter that can  
5       accommodate persons with pets; specifying requirements  
6       for such shelters; providing 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  
26       shelter component of the state comprehensive emergency  
27       management plan.

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