

By the Committees on Community Affairs; and Infrastructure and Security; and Senators Bean, Book, and Cruz

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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 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.

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

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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.