

By Senator Brodeur

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the retail sale of dogs or cats;
3 creating s. 828.32, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting
4 pet stores from selling or offering for sale dogs or
5 cats; providing noncriminal penalties; specifying that
6 municipalities and counties are not restricted from
7 enacting or enforcing more stringent ordinances;
8 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 828.32, Florida Statutes, is created to
13 read:

14 828.32 Retail sale of dogs or cats prohibited; penalty.-

15 (1) As used in this section, the term:

16 (a) "Pet store" means a for-profit place of business that
17 sells or offers for sale animals to the public at retail. The
18 term does not include a person who offers for sale, directly to
19 the public, only animals that the person has bred and raised.

20 (b) "Sell or offer for sale" means to advertise or display
21 for sale, barter, or trade.

22 (2) A pet store may not sell or offer for sale a dog or
23 cat.

24 (3) A sale or offer for sale of a dog or cat made in
25 violation of this section constitutes a noncriminal violation,
26 punishable as provided in s. 775.083. Each sale or offer for
27 sale made in violation of this section constitutes a separate
28 offense.

29 (4) This section does not prohibit the enactment or

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30 enforcement of a municipal or county ordinance restricting the
31 sale or offer for sale of animals that is more stringent than
32 this section.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.