

By Senator Wright

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the retail sale of domestic dogs
3 and cats; creating s. 828.32, F.S.; defining terms;
4 prohibiting pet stores from selling or offering for
5 sale domestic dogs and cats; providing civil
6 penalties; providing construction; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 828.32, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 828.32 Retail sale of domestic dogs and cats.—

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

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

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

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

23 (3) The sale or offer for sale of a domestic dog or cat in
24 violation of this section is a noncriminal violation, punishable
25 as provided in s. 775.083. Each such sale or offer for sale
26 constitutes a separate offense.

27 (4) This section does not prohibit the enactment or
28 enforcement of a municipal or county ordinance restricting the
29 sale or offer for sale of animals which is more stringent than

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30 this section.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.