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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.; providing 4 definitions; prohibiting pet stores from selling or 5 offering for sale domestic dogs and cats; providing 6 penalties; providing construction; providing an 7 effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Section 828.32, Florida Statutes, is created to 12 read: 13 828.32 Retail sale of domestic dogs and cats.-(1) As used in this section, the term: 14 "Pet store" means a business that sells or offers for 15 16 sale animals to the public at retail for profit. 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 "Sell" or "offer for sale" means to advertise or 20 display for sale, barter, or trade. (2) A pet store may not sell or offer for sale a domestic 21 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 as provided in s. 775.083. Each such sale or offer for sale 25

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constitutes a separate offense.
(4) This section does not prohibit the enactment or
enforcement of a municipal or county ordinance restricting the
sale or offer for sale of animals that is more stringent than
this section.
Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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