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Senator Gaetz moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as "Trooper's Law."

Section 2. Section 828.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to
read:

828.13 Confinement of animals without sufficient food,
water, or exercise; abandonment of animals.—

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Abandon" means to forsake an animal entirely or to



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12 neglect or refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations
13 for care and support of an animal by its owner.

14 (b) "Natural disaster" means a situation in which a
15 hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning has been issued
16 for a municipality or a county by the National Weather Service,
17 or the municipality or county is under a mandatory or voluntary
18 evacuation order.

19 (c) ~~(b)~~ "Owner" includes any owner, custodian, or other
20 person in charge of an animal.

21 (d) "Restrain" means to attach a dog to a stationary object
22 or trolley system by way of a chain, rope, tether, leash, cable,
23 or other device.

24 (2) Whoever:

25 (a) Impounds or confines any animal in any place and fails
26 to supply the animal during such confinement with a sufficient
27 quantity of good and wholesome food and water,

28 (b) Keeps any animals in any enclosure without wholesome
29 exercise and change of air, or

30 (c) Abandons to die any animal that is maimed, sick,
31 infirm, or diseased,

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33 commits ~~is guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the first degree,
34 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more
35 than \$5,000, or ~~by both imprisonment and a fine.~~

36 (3) Any person who is the owner or possessor, or has charge
37 or custody, of any animal who abandons such animal to suffer
38 injury or malnutrition or abandons any animal in a street, road,
39 or public place without providing for the care, sustenance,
40 protection, and shelter of such animal commits ~~is guilty of~~ a



41 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
42 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or ~~by~~ both
43 ~~imprisonment and a fine.~~

44 (4) Any person who restrains a dog outside during a natural
45 disaster and thereafter abandons the dog commits a felony of the
46 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine
47 of not more than \$10,000, or both.

48 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

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50 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

51 And the title is amended as follows:

52 Delete everything before the enacting clause
53 and insert:

54 A bill to be entitled
55 An act relating to abandoning restrained dogs during
56 natural disasters; providing a short title; amending
57 s. 828.13, F.S.; defining the terms "natural disaster"
58 and "restrain"; providing criminal penalties for
59 restraining a dog outside during a natural disaster
60 and thereafter abandoning the dog; providing an
61 effective date.