

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 454

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**ANIMALS: Provides relative to animal shelters.**

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DIGEST

Present law establishes minimum requirements for animal shelters, including restrictions on euthanasia.

Proposed law defines "animal dealer", "biological supply facility", and "research facility".

Proposed law adds additional requirements for animal shelters that turn over animals to facilities for research purposes to notify persons turning over animals by posting a conspicuous sign in the shelter and including the notification on owner surrender forms.

Proposed law prohibits an animal shelter from euthanizing an animal for the sole purpose of transferring the carcass for research.

Proposed law authorizes a research facility to work with an animal shelter to investigate problems and provide services to shelter animals.

Proposed law specifies that any person who violates proposed law will be fined not more than \$1,000 for each separate act of violation.

(Amends R.S. 3:2462; adds R.S. 3:2466)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Modify the definition of "research facility" to remove the reference to tests.
2. Modify the required notification statement to indicate that euthanized animals may be used for educational purposes.
3. Clarify that an animal shelter or other person can transfer a living animal for instructional purposes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the engrossed bill

1. Removes provision prohibiting animal shelters from transferring live animals for the purpose of research or experiments.
2. Removes provision allowing live animals to be transferred for the purpose of necessary spay and neuter surgeries.
3. Provides for technical corrections.