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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2465(C), relative to operating procedures for animal shelters; to prohibit euthanasia by carbon monoxide gas chambers on cats and dogs beginning on January 1, 2013 and thereafter; to prohibit euthanasia by intracardiac injection on a conscious animal; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:2465(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2465. Operating procedures

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C. Euthanasia:

(1) Euthanasia methods and procedures must conform with recommendations outlined in the report of the American Veterinary Medical Association on Euthanasia, dated July 1, 1978, or as revised **except as provided in Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Subsection.**

(2) Euthanasia by carbon monoxide gas chambers on cats and dogs shall be prohibited beginning on January 1, 2013 and thereafter.

(3) Euthanasia by intracardiac injection on cats and dogs shall be prohibited unless the animal is unconscious or rendered completely unconscious and insensitive to pain through the injection of an anesthetic.

~~(2)~~(4) Euthanasia personnel shall attend the Humane Society of the United States Academy on Euthanasia or an equivalent program within one year of date of employment.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____