

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 223

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ANIMALS/CRUELTY: Provides relative to proper shelter for an animal

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:102(5), relative to cruelty to animals; to provide relative to
3 definitions; to provide relative to the definition of proper shelter for an animal; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:102(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §102. Definitions; cruelty to animals

8 The following words, phrases, and terms as used in R.S. 14:102.1 through
9 R.S. 14:102.4 shall be defined and construed as follows:

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11 (5) "Proper shelter" means ~~providing each animal with adequate shelter from~~
12 ~~the elements as required to prevent unnecessary or unjustifiable suffering by the~~
13 ~~animal~~ an upright, weather resistant structure with three walls, an opening, a roof,
14 and a floor; it shall be free of waste and standing water, and it shall be sufficient in
15 size for an animal to stand in an upright position, turn around, and make normal
16 posturing positions. "Proper shelter" shall not include animal carriers, plastic crates,
17 and other enclosures designed to provide temporary housing.

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1 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to
2 renumber the terms defined in R.S. 14:102 to ensure that such terms are in alphabetical
3 order.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Amends the definition of "proper shelter" for an animal.

Present law provides that the definition of the term "proper shelter" for an animal means providing each animal with adequate shelter from the elements as required to prevent unnecessary or unjustifiable suffering by the animal.

Proposed law amends the present law definition of "proper shelter" to mean an upright, weather resistant structure with three walls, an opening, a roof, and a floor. The proper shelter shall be free of waste and standing water, and it shall be sufficient in size for an animal to stand in an upright position, turn around, and make normal posturing positions. The term "proper shelter" shall not include animal carriers, plastic crates, and other enclosures designed to provide temporary housing.

(Amends R.S. 14:102(5))