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SENATE BILL NO. 64

BY SENATOR GATTI

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

ANIMALS. Provides for animal shelter operating procedures and training requirements and authorizes animal shelters to post pictures of animals on a social media account or website. (8/1/17)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2463(C) and (E) and to enact R.S. 3:2462(6) and 2465(E) and
3	(F), relative to animal shelter operating procedures; to authorize animal shelters to
4	post pictures of animals on a social media account or website; to require inspectors
5	and shelter personnel to annually attend training offered by the Louisiana Animal
6	Control Association; to require animal shelters to implement a seventy-two hour
7	minimum hold time for stray animals; to provide for definitions; and to provide for
8	related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 3:2463(C) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11	3:2462(6) and 2465(E) and (F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§2462. Definitions
13	As used in this Part, the following words shall have the following meanings
14	ascribed to them:
15	* * *
16	(6) "Social media account" means an Internet-based service that allows
17	individuals to do the following:

1	(a) Construct a public or semi-public profile within a bounded system
2	created by the service.
3	(b) Create a list of other users with whom they share a connection within
4	the system.
5	(c) View and navigate their list of connections and those made by others
6	within the system.
7	§2463. General shelter standards
8	* * *
9	C.(1) Shelters shall be inspected at least once every six months by an
10	authorized representative of the parish to determine compliance with the
11	requirements of this Part. Additional inspections shall be made promptly upon
12	receipt of a bonafide complaint.
13	(2) The parish shall notify the director of the animal control agency or
14	shelter of the inspector's name in writing. Each individual authorized to
15	conduct shelter inspections for the parish shall annually attend training offered
16	by the Louisiana Animal Control Association.
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18	E. Shelter personnel shall annually attend training offered by the
19	<u>Louisiana Animal Control Association and</u> should be trained as to animal health,
20	disease control, humane care and treatment, animal control and transportation of
21	animals. Shelter workers shall be fundamentally humane, shall be able to identify
22	and understand the principal animal diseases and injuries, and should have good
23	judgment and even temperament.
24	* * *
25	§2465. Operating procedures
26	* * *
27	E. Any animal shelter that maintains a social media account or a website
28	may post pictures of every animal that enters the shelter upon intake and again
29	prior to euthanasia of the animal.

F. Any animal seized while running at large and bearing no

identification, including a microchip registered to the owner or a name tag with

traceable information, shall be held for a minimum of seventy-two hours prior

to becoming property of the animal shelter or animal control agency.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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<u>Present law</u> requires animal shelters to be inspected at least once every six months by an

authorized representative of the parish in which it is located.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further requires each parish to notify the director of the animal control agency or shelter of the inspector's name in writing.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires inspectors and shelter personnel to annually attend training offered by the Louisiana Animal Control Association.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 3:2463-2465) provides for animal shelter minimum standards and operating procedures.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "social media account" as an Internet-based service that allows individuals to do the following:

- (1) Construct a public or semi-public profile within a bounded system created by the service.
- (2) Create a list of other users with whom they share a connection within the system.
- (3) View and navigate their list of connections and those made by others within the system.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes any animal shelter that maintains a social media account or a website to post pictures of every animal that enters the shelter upon intake and again prior to euthanasia of the animal.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires any animal seized while running at large and bearing no identification, including a microchip registered to the owner or a name tag with traceable information, to be held for a minimum of seventy-two hours prior to becoming property of the animal shelter or animal control agency.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 3:2463(C) and (E); adds R.S. 3:2462(6) and 2465(E) and (F))