2017 Regular Session

**ACT No. 184** 

SENATE BILL NO. 64

BY SENATOR GATTI

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

1	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),
3	relative to animal shelter operating procedures; to authorize animal shelters to post
4	pictures of animals on a social media account or website; to require inspectors and
5	shelter personnel to attend annual training; to provide for definitions; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 3:2463(C) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9	3:2462(6) and 2465(E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§2462. Definitions
11	As used in this Part, the following words shall have the following meanings
12	ascribed to them:
13	* * *
14	(6) "Social media account" means an Internet-based service that allows
15	individuals to do the following:
16	(a) Construct a public or semi-public profile within a bounded system
17	created by the service.
18	(b) Create a list of other users with whom they share a connection within
19	the system.

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1	(c) View and navigate their list of connections and those made by others
2	within the system.
3	§2463. General shelter standards
4	* * *
5	C.(1) Shelters shall be inspected at least once every six months by an
6	authorized representative of the parish to determine compliance with the
7	requirements of this Part. Additional inspections shall be made promptly upon
8	receipt of a bonafide complaint.
9	(2) The parish shall notify the director of the animal control agency or
10	shelter of the inspector's name in writing. Each individual authorized to
11	conduct shelter inspections for the parish shall annually attend training offered
12	by an organization that provides accredited continuing education courses
13	regarding shelter safety, animal welfare, and state compliance procedures, such
14	as the Louisiana Animal Control Association. The training requirement shall
15	apply only if an online training option is available. All training required by this
16	Paragraph shall be approved by the state veterinarian.
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1	<b>E.</b> Any animal shelter that maintains a social media account or a website
2	may post pictures of every animal that enters the shelter upon intake and again
3	prior to euthanasia of the animal.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_