
DIGEST

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HB No. 231

Abstract: Creates the crime of unlawful sale of dogs and cats at certain locations.

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to offer for sale, sell, offer for exchange, or exchange any live dog or cat on any highway, right-of-way, public park, public playground, public swimming pool, any other public recreational area, flea market, commercial or retail parking lot, or adjacent property to such locations.

Proposed law creates exceptions for animal adoption days sponsored by animal welfare groups, sales occurring entirely on private property, sales at competitive cat or dog shows, and raffles for a dog or cat at certain fundraising events. Proposed law shall not apply to a retail pet store or licensed breeder.

Proposed law provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$250 for a first violation and not more than \$1,000 for second or subsequent violations.

(Adds R.S. 14:102.27)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Added exception for retail pet stores and registered breeders.
2. Amended proposed law to make it applicable to all animals.
3. Added definition of "animal".
4. Deleted proposed law provisions regarding donations of animals.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added exception for raffles or drawings for a dog or cat which is a fundraising event for a waterfowl, wetland, or natural resources conservation organization.
2. Amended proposed law to make it applicable to only dogs and cats.

3. Deleted the definition of "animal".