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DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> provides for the duties and functions of the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission ("commission").

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the commission to establish and maintain the Louisiana Animal Shelter Registry.

Proposed law provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Animal shelter" means any building, structure, site, enclosure, or other facility used or operated for the housing or impoundment of any stray, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted companion animals for any length of time which is operated by a parish governing authority or municipality, regardless of whether an adoption program is operated at the facility.
- (2) "Commission" means the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires every animal shelter operated by a parish governing authority or municipality to register with the commission on or before February 1 of each year.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the commission to provide registration forms and animal shelters to complete and submit forms electronically on the commission's website or by mail.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that registration forms require the following information about the animal shelter:

- (1) The initial or proposed date of operation.
- (2) The name, physical address, mailing address, contact number, and email of the animal shelter.
- (3) The name, physical address, mailing address, contact number, and email of the governing authority or operator of the animal shelter.
- (4) The name and contact information for the parish or municipal animal control officer.
- (5) The hours of operation.
- (6) The animal intake numbers by species.

- (7) The disposition of animals.
- (8) The name and address of an animal's owner, if known.

Proposed law requires the commission to provide public notices pertaining to the registry.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires animal shelters to notify the commission of any changes in registration form information within 30 days.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the commission to require additional forms, including but not limited to any contracts entered into by an animal shelter for spay and neuter services. Animal shelters may request the commission to provide modified forms.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires records of animal intake numbers and the disposition of animals for registration renewals beginning on February 1, 2017.

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