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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to animal control; to require an animal
6 shelter owner, operator, manager, or director to report the
7 total number of animals that have entered the facility and the
8 disposition of the animals; and to make the report available
9 to the public.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. This act shall be known and cited as the
12 "Animal Census Reporting Act."

13 Section 2. For purposes of this act, the following
14 words have the following meanings:

15 (1) ANIMAL SHELTER. A public facility, which
16 includes a physical structure that provides temporary or
17 permanent shelter to stray, abandoned, abused, or
18 owner-surrendered animals that is operated, owned, or
19 maintained by any municipality, county, duly incorporated
20 humane society, animal welfare society, or other nonprofit
21 organization for the purpose of promoting the welfare,
22 protection, and humane treatment of animals. The term "animal
23 shelter" does not include persons providing temporary foster
24 care to animals in their homes or animal rescue groups or

1 animal sanctuaries sheltering animals on an individual's property.

2 (2) PUBLISH. To make available through either
3 electronic means or on paper.

4 Section 3. On a monthly basis, each animal shelter
5 owner, operator, manager, or director shall compile a report
6 containing all of the following information:

7 (1) The number of animals of each species taken in
8 from all of the following sources:

- 9 a. Owner surrenders.
- 10 b. Strays.
- 11 c. Other animal shelters.
- 12 d. Animal control.
- 13 e. Other.

14 (2) The number of animals which have been:

- 15 a. Adopted.
- 16 b. Released to or claimed by the owner or owners.
- 17 c. Transferred to other animal shelter facilities or
18 released to animal rescue organizations and a list of the
19 names of the receiving organizations.
- 20 d. Euthanized for any of the following reasons:
 - 21 1. Overcrowding.
 - 22 2. Health.
 - 23 3. Behavior.
- 24 e. Died from other causes.
- 25 f. Transferred to another entity.

1 g. Sterilized after arrival.

2 (3) The costs incurred by the animal shelter for
3 housing, maintenance, feeding, medications, transfer,
4 euthanasia, and other expenses related to the care of the
5 animals and their disposition, excluding salary and benefits
6 paid to employees.

7 Section 4. (a) Each animal shelter shall report the
8 information required in Section 3 no later than 30 days after
9 the end of each month. Each animal shelter shall make the
10 report available to the public upon request. The animal
11 shelter may compile, publish, computerize, and enter the data
12 or information required in Section 3 in a form which is
13 compatible with any system utilized by the animal shelter as
14 long as the information required in Section 3 is included in
15 the report.

16 (b) The animal shelter may charge a reasonable fee
17 for a copy of the report. Each animal shelter shall maintain
18 the annual reports for a minimum of three years.

19 (c) Reports under this act shall be considered a
20 public record and access to the reports shall not be denied
21 for any reason.

22 (d) Any report compiled by the owner, operator,
23 manager, or director of an animal shelter pursuant to this act
24 shall include a statement by the person preparing the report

1 certifying that the report is true and correct to the best of
2 his or her knowledge.

3 Section 5. A violation of this act does not create a
4 civil statutory cause of action or criminal liability.

5 Section 6. This act shall become effective on the
6 first day of the third month following its passage and
7 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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