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3 By Senator Beasley
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry
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11 Relating to animal control; to require an animal
12 shelter owner, operator, manager, or director to report the
13 total number of animals that have entered the facility and the
14 disposition of the animals; and to make the report available
15 to the public.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

19 Section 2. For purposes of this act, the following
20 words have the following meanings:

21 (1) ANIMAL SHELTER. A public or private facility,
22 which includes a physical structure that provides temporary or
23 permanent shelter to stray, abandoned, abused, or
24 owner-surrendered animals that is operated, owned, or
25 maintained by any municipality, county, duly incorporated
26 humane society, animal welfare society, or other nonprofit
27 organization for the purpose of promoting the welfare,

1 protection, and humane treatment of animals. The term "animal
2 shelter" does not include persons providing temporary foster
3 care to animals in their homes or animal rescue groups or
4 animal sanctuaries sheltering animals on an individual's
5 property.

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

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

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

- 13 a. Owner surrenders.
- 14 b. Strays.
- 15 c. Other animal shelters.
- 16 d. Animal control.
- 17 e. Other.

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

- 19 a. Adopted.
- 20 b. Released to or claimed by the owner or owners.
- 21 c. Transferred to other animal shelter facilities or
22 released to animal rescue organizations and a list of the
23 names of the receiving organizations.

24 d. Euthanized for any of the following reasons:

- 25 1. Overcrowding.
- 26 2. Health.
- 27 3. Behavior.

e. Died from other causes.

f. Transferred to another entity.

g. Sterilized after arrival.

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

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

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

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

(d) Any report compiled by the owner, operator, manager, or director of an animal shelter pursuant to this act 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. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3 Senate

4 Read for the first time and referred to the Senate
5 committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and
6 Forestry..... 03-MAR-15
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9 dar 1 amendment..... 18-MAR-15
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12 Yeas 22
13 Nays 4

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