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3 By Senator Beasley  
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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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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.

1 e. Died from other causes.

2 f. Transferred to another entity.

3 g. Sterilized after arrival.

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

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

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

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

24 (d) Any report compiled by the owner, operator,  
25 manager, or director of an animal shelter pursuant to this act  
26 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  
  
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5 committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and  
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15 Patrick Harris  
16 Secretary  
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