

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 528

By: Senator K. Hammer
By: Representative Pearce

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A LOAN OR FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A DOG OR CAT; TO CLARIFY THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF A DOG OR CAT; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PROVIDING A LOAN OR FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A DOG OR CAT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT A LOAN OR FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A DOG OR CAT; TO CLARIFY THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF A DOG OR CAT; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PROVIDING A LOAN OR FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A DOG OR CAT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-1-108. Loan or financing agreement for the sale of a dog or cat – Prohibition – Penalty – Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Legislative body" means the quorum court of a county or the city council, board of directors, board of commissioners, or similar elected governing body of a local government;

(2) "Local government" means a county, a city of the first class, a city of the second class, or an incorporated town;



(3) "Ordinance" means an ordinance, resolution, or other appropriate legislative enactment of a legislative body that:

(A) Prohibits an individual from operating a business from a residence; or

(B) Requires an individual to obtain approval before operating a business from a residence; and

(4) "Person" means an individual or legal entity.

(b) A person shall not offer, arrange, broker, negotiate, place, find, or service a loan or financing agreement for the sale of a dog or cat.

(c) This section does not prohibit a legislative body of a local government from enacting and enforcing an ordinance that regulates the sale of a dog or cat.

(d) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.