

Subject Pet shop sale of cats and dogs

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Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Definitions.</p> <p>Defines “advertisement” and “pet shop.”</p> <p>Effective date. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.</p>
2	<p>Disclosure.</p> <p>Requires pet dealers to give a retail purchaser a copy of all publicly available state or federal inspection reports for the animal’s breeder that occurred within three years of the pet’s purchase.</p> <p>Effective date. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.</p>
3	<p>Responsibilities of purchaser.</p> <p>Allows a purchaser to choose the veterinarian to diagnose health problems.</p> <p>Effective date. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.</p>
4	<p>[325F.7915] Sale of dogs and cats prohibited.</p> <p>(a) Prohibits a pet shop from selling animals (meaning cats and dogs).</p> <p>(b) (c) Allows pet shops to provide space for nonprofit animal adoption organizations to offer animals if the pet shop does not have an ownership interest in the animal offered for adoption and does not receive a fee for providing space for the animals.</p> <p>(d) Allows a pet shop that has sold animals for at least one year prior to August 1, 2026, and that continues to have the same ownership before and after that date, to continue to sell animals if certain requirements are met.</p>

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(e) Allows units of local government to adopt stricter ordinances than provided by this section.

(f) States that if a pet shop operates under the exception in paragraph (d), and it violates this section on three separate occasions, it will be prohibited from selling animals.

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5 **Civil penalty.**

Provides that a pet shop that violates section 3 is subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000 per violation and that each transfer of ownership of an animal is a separate violation.

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6 **Severability.**

Provides that if a court finds a section of this act invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other sections.

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