

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 83rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2001  
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# A Bill

**Act 1663 of 2001**  
SENATE BILL 988

5 By: Senator T. Smith  
6 By: Representative Shoffner  
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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION  
11 OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS AND SHELTERS AND  
12 HUMANE SOCIETY COUNTERPARTS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## **Subtitle**

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17 CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS  
18 AND SHELTERS AND HUMANE SOCIETY  
19 COUNTERPARTS.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Health shall establish a voluntary  
25 certification program for animal control officers, animal shelters, and other  
26 humane society counterparts.

27 (b) The certification shall be based upon courses recommended by the  
28 National Animal Control Association or its equivalent.

29 (c) Certification of animal shelters shall be based upon compliance  
30 with shelter standards published by the Humane Society of the United States.

31 (d) Training shall be administered by the Arkansas Animal Control  
32 Association in cooperation with the Department of Health utilizing qualified  
33 experts, including but not limited to, licensed veterinarians and persons  
34 holding professional registrations or certifications in the appropriate areas  
35 of expertise.

36 APPROVED: 4/16/2001