

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 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2484

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5 By: Representative Bright

For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STERILIZATION OF IMPOUNDED
9 DOGS AND CATS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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11 IMPOUNDED DOGS AND CATS.

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-19-103(c), concerning the sterilization
20 of impounded dogs and cats, is amended to read as follows:

21 (c)(1) ~~In any county in the state having a population of three hundred~~
22 ~~thousand (300,000) or more persons according to the most recent federal~~
23 ~~decennial census, it~~ It shall be unlawful for any pound, shelter, or humane
24 organization to release to a new owner any dog or cat over ~~two (2)~~ three (3)
25 months of age which has not been sterilized except as provided in subdivision
26 (c)(2) of this section.

27 (2)(A) An animal which in the opinion of a veterinarian licensed
28 to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Arkansas is medically
29 compromised to the extent that it cannot withstand immediate sterilization
30 may be temporarily released pursuant to a foster care agreement until such
31 time as it can safely be sterilized or until ~~two (2) veterinarians a~~
32 veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of
33 Arkansas ~~certify~~ certifies that it is unlikely that the animal will ever
34 recover to the extent that it can safely be sterilized.

35 (B)(i) At that time, ownership of the animal may be
36 transferred to an owner who certifies that the animal will not be used for



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1 breeding.

2 (ii) An owner who violates the agreement shall be
3 subject to the penalties set forth in subsection (d) of this section.

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