

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Madison**

# A Bill

**ACT 839 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1715**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 20-19-103 PERTAINING TO  
9 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR STERILIZATION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS AND  
10 CATS; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE  
11 STERILIZATION REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
15 STERILIZATION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS AND CATS  
16 AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR  
17 VIOLATION."

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-19-103 is amended to read as follows:  
23 "20-19-103. Sterilization of impounded dogs and cats.

24 (a) It shall be unlawful for any pound, shelter, or humane  
25 organization, supported wholly or partly by public funds, to release any dog  
26 or cat which has not been sterilized to a new owner unless a promise to spay  
27 or neuter the animal has been signed by the person acquiring the animal.

28 (b) The sterilization shall be performed by the date stipulated, except  
29 that the releasing agency may grant an extension of time not to exceed thirty  
30 (30) days upon the request of the owner. The signed promise shall be binding,  
31 and failure to comply shall constitute a violation of this section.

32 (1) In such case, the animal described therein shall be returned  
33 to the releasing agency upon demand.

34 (2) Ownership of the animal reverts to the releasing agency in  
35 such instance, and no claim may be made by the owner to recover expenses  
36 incurred for maintenance of the animal, including the initial procurement

1 cost.

2 (c) Violations of this section are declared to be misdemeanors  
3 punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more  
4 than five hundred dollars (\$500)."

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6 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
17 hereby repealed.

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