

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 988

By: Senator T. Smith
By: Representative Shoffner

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION
OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS AND SHELTERS AND
HUMANE SOCIETY COUNTERPARTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A VOLUNTARY
CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
AND SHELTERS AND HUMANE SOCIETY
COUNTERPARTS.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Health shall establish a voluntary
certification program for animal control officers, animal shelters, and other
humane society counterparts.

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

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

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