

SENATE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Summary: S. 687 w/ proposed amendments - Animal shelters

SECTION 1. Chapter 69 of Title 40

40-69-295: Findings and mobile veterinary practice

- Must identify and provide information for closest emergency service
- Mobiles have limitations for operating near a private veterinary practice
 - 2-mile radius for Tier 3 and 4 counties*
 - 1-mile radius for Tier 1 and 2 counties*
- ** defined in 12-6-3360*
- Definitions
 - “Mobile veterinary practice” - may be moved or transported for pet services
 - “Pet” - domesticated animal; does not include livestock

SECTION 2. Chapter 69 of Title 40

40-69-300: Scope of services

- Definitions
 - “Animal shelter” - “a facility... impounding, care, adoption or harboring seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted dogs, cats, and other animals”; three types --
 - Contract with State, county, municipality or other political subdivision
 - Veterinary hospital operating as such in addition to customary purposes
 - Humane society, animal welfare society or other non-profit organization operating as such
 - “Veterinary services” - “examination, diagnosis, and treatment... vaccines... imaging, surgery, lab, pharmacology... hospitalization and emergency treatment”
- Shelters providing vet services under purview of LLR
- Animal records - written and electronic
 - All animal shelters (including veterinary providers)
 - All animals receiving care
 - Maintained three years after final entry
 - Provided to adopter or foster owner upon receipt of animal
- Shelter record
 - Census of animals and means of discharge
 - Mailing and street address and working telephone number
 - Due on Jan. 31 to LLR; data available on their website

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40-69-300: Scope of services (continued)

- Shelter services
 - Veterinary services for animals owned and held for adoption
 - No prohibition on veterinarian in shelter treating own animal
 - Services available to any member of the public
 - Sterilization + procedures deemed necessary by attending vet at sterilization and necessary follow-up
 - Microchip implantation
 - Vaccinations
 - Parasite prevention and treatment - heartworm, fecals, flea control, mange, etc.
 - Emergent and life threatening services
 - Wellness follow-up or condition recheck 30 days after adoption
 - Additional services to low-income owners only
 - Maintain record of number of low-income procedures
 - Records for low-income procedures available to LLR
 - Low-income status documentation --
 - Medicaid
 - SNAP / TANF
 - Pay stub consistent with USHHS poverty guidelines

SECTION 3. Chapter 69 of Title 40

40-69-305: Prescription drugs

- Must contain all information prescribed by State and Federal laws
- Must be prescribed by licensed veterinarian
- Violation is a misdemeanor
 - Fined up to \$200, or
 - Imprisoned up to 30 days, or
 - Both of the above

SECTION 4. Chapter 3 of Title 56

56-3-9600: SC Animal Care & Control Assn. - No More Homeless Pets

- Program already exists - funded by license plate sales**
- Changes to program
 - Annual accounting and summary to House and Senate Agriculture
 - Spay / neuter programs receiving revenue must provide SCDA with name and address of persons bringing animal(s) for services

**** SCDA retains 10% of DMV collections**

SECTION 5. Severability

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.