

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

### S 0194 General Bill, By Verdin

*Similar (H 3492)*

**Summary:** Dogs and domestic pets

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REGULATION BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF DOGS AND DOMESTIC PETS, BY AMENDING SECTION 47-3-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SEVERAL TERMS THAT RELATE TO REGULATION BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-20, RELATING TO LOCAL ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ORDINANCES, TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE MAY LIMIT THE POWER OF ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO ENACT ORDINANCES PROHIBITING ANIMALS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE AND TO ENFORCE ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF RABIES AND THE ADOPTION OF ANIMAL SHELTER POLICIES; TO ADD SECTION 47-3-35, RELATING TO ANIMAL SHELTER REFERRALS, TO PROVIDE THAT PET OWNERS MUST BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO DECIDE WHO SHALL PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES, TO REQUIRE AN ANIMAL SHELTER TO COUNSEL PET OWNERS TO SEEK VETERINARY SERVICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO REQUIRE A LICENSED VETERINARIAN TO EXAMINE AN ADOPTED PET PRIOR TO RELEASE FROM THE ANIMAL SHELTER OR IN THE EVENT A LICENSED VETERINARIAN IS NOT AVAILABLE, TO REQUIRE THE PET OWNER TO DOCUMENT WITH THE ANIMAL SHELTER WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS THAT A LICENSED VETERINARIAN HAS EXAMINED THE PET, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANIMAL SHELTERS MAY NOT REQUIRE SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED NOR MAY THEY PRE-CHARGE FOR SERVICES OR CHARGE FOR SERVICES NOT RENDERED; TO ADD SECTION 47-3-37, RELATING TO ANIMAL STERILIZATION GRANTS, TO REQUIRE ANIMAL SHELTERS RECEIVING GRANT FUNDS THAT INCLUDE PUBLIC MONEY TO ASSIST WITH STERILIZATION PROCEDURES ON ANIMALS THAT ARE OWNED OR IN POSSESSION, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL OF THE MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER OR NONPROFIT ANIMAL RESCUE TO USE THOSE FUNDS SOLELY FOR STERILIZATION PROCEDURES AND NO OTHER PURPOSES AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE GRANT FUNDS, NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT, MAY BE USED FOR IMMEDIATE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL NEEDS ANIMALS; TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-60, RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF QUARANTINED OR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE AN ADOPTED PET IS RELEASED IT MUST BE STERILIZED BY THE ANIMAL SHELTER OR THE HUMANE SOCIETY, OR THE PET OWNER MUST DOCUMENT THAT THE PET IS SCHEDULED FOR STERILIZATION BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN; TO REPEAL SECTION 47-3-70; TO ADD SECTION 47-3-80, RELATING TO REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ALL ANIMAL SHELTERS AND ANIMAL SHELTER OWNERS ARE SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND VETERINARIANS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ANIMALS IN ANIMAL SHELTERS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP CLIENT-PATIENT RECORDS; TO ADD SECTION 47-3-85, RELATING TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ANIMAL SHELTER OR RELATED CLINIC RECEIVING OR EXPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS IS SUBJECT TO THE ACT; TO ADD SECTION 47-3-90, RELATING TO A MOBILE VETERINARY PRACTICE, TO DEFINE THE TERM, TO REQUIRE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH A LOCAL VETERINARY FACILITY WITHIN TWENTY MILES OF EACH LOCATION IN WHICH A MOBILE VETERINARY PRACTICE LOCATES, AND TO REQUIRE CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE AFFILIATED FACILITY BE POSTED AT THE MOBILE LOCATION AND BE GIVEN TO THE PET OWNER DOCUMENTING SERVICES RENDERED; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, RELATING TO STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS, TO REPEAL SECTIONS 47-3-470 AND 47-3-500.

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