

By Senator Sachs

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the artificial coloring and sale of  
3 certain animals and fowls; creating s. 828.1615, F.S.;  
4 providing that it is unlawful for a person to dye or  
5 artificially color any animal or fowl; providing that  
6 it is unlawful to sell or give away animals of a  
7 certain age; providing exceptions; providing criminal  
8 penalties; providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 828.1615, Florida Statutes, is created  
13 to read:

14 828.1615 Prohibiting artificial coloring and sale of  
15 certain animals and fowls; construction.-

16 (1) It is unlawful for a person to dye or artificially  
17 color any animal or fowl, including, but not limited to,  
18 rabbits, baby chickens, and ducklings, or to bring a dyed or  
19 artificially colored animal or fowl into this state.

20 (2) It is unlawful for a person to sell, offer for sale, or  
21 give away as merchandising premiums, baby chickens, ducklings,  
22 or other fowl under 4 weeks of age or rabbits under 2 months of  
23 age to be used as pets, toys, or retail premiums.

24 (3) This section does not apply to any animal or fowl,  
25 including, but not limited to, rabbits, baby chickens, and  
26 ducklings, to be used or raised for agricultural purposes by  
27 persons with proper facilities to care for them or for poultry  
28 or livestock exhibitions.

29 (4) A person violating this section commits a misdemeanor

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30 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
31 775.083.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.