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2 An act relating to sales of dogs and cats; amending s. 3 828.29, F.S.; requiring that a certificate of 4 veterinary inspection for a dog or cat offered for 5 sale within the state or by a seller located within 6 the state be prepared by a veterinarian licensed by 7 the state of the dog or cat's origin; specifying 8 additional diseases and conditions that a certificate 9 of veterinary inspection must address; requiring additional information to be included in the 10 11 certificate; reducing the time period in which the 12 veterinary examination must take place; providing 13 requirements for the display of the official certificate of veterinary inspection or other 14 15 specified information; prohibiting the knowing 16 misrepresentation of the origin of a cat or dog; creating s. 828.295, F.S.; providing definitions; 17 prohibiting the offer for sale or donation of cats and 18 dogs at certain locations; providing exceptions; 19 20 providing criminal penalties; providing enhanced criminal penalties for certain violations; providing 21 22 an effective date. 23 24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 25 26 Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), (3), (4), and (16) of 27 section 828.29, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 28 828.29 Dogs and cats transported or offered for sale;

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29 health and notice requirements; consumer guarantee.-

30 (1) (a) For each dog transported into the state for sale, 31 the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section 32 must be administered by or under the direction of a 33 veterinarian, licensed by the state of origin of the dog and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, who 34 35 issues the official certificate of veterinary inspection. The 36 tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics must be administered no more 37 than 30 days and no less than 14 days before the dog's entry into the state. The official certificate of veterinary 38 inspection certifying compliance with this section must 39 40 accompany each dog transported into the state for sale.

41 (b) For each dog offered for sale within the state or by a 42 seller located within the state, the tests, vaccines, and 43 anthelmintics required by this section must be administered by 44 or under the direction of a veterinarian, licensed by the state 45 of origin of the dog and accredited by the United States 46 Department of Agriculture, who issues the official certificate 47 of veterinary inspection. The tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics 48 must be administered before the dog is offered for sale in the 49 state or by a seller located within the state, unless the 50 licensed, accredited veterinarian certifies on the official 51 certificate of veterinary inspection that to inoculate or deworm 52 the dog is not in the best medical interest of the dog, in which 53 case the vaccine or anthelmintic may not be administered to that 54 particular dog. Each dog must receive vaccines and anthelmintics 55 against the following diseases and internal parasites:

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1. Canine distemper.

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57 2. Leptospirosis.

3. Bordetella (by intranasal inoculation or by an
alternative method of administration if deemed necessary by the
attending veterinarian and noted on the health certificate,
which must be administered in this state once before sale).

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4. Parainfluenza.

5. Hepatitis.

6. Canine parvo.

7. Rabies, provided the dog is over 3 months of age andthe inoculation is administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 8. Roundworms.
- 68 9. Hookworms.
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If the dog is under 4 months of age, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section must be administered no more than 21 days before sale within the state. If the dog is 4 months of age or older, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section must be administered at or after 3 months of age, but no more than 1 year before sale within the state.

77 (2) (a) For each cat transported into the state for sale, 78 the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section 79 must be administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian, licensed by the state of origin of the cat and 80 81 accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, who 82 issues the official certificate of veterinary inspection. The tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics must be administered no more 83 than 30 days and no less than 14 days before the cat's entry 84

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85 into the state. The official certificate of veterinary 86 inspection certifying compliance with this section must 87 accompany each cat transported into the state for sale.

For each cat offered for sale within the state or by a 88 (b) 89 seller located within the state, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section must be administered by 90 91 or under the direction of a veterinarian, licensed by the state 92 of origin of the cat and accredited by the United States 93 Department of Agriculture, who issues the official certificate of veterinary inspection. The tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics 94 95 must be administered before the cat is offered for sale in the state or by a seller located within the state, unless the 96 97 licensed, accredited veterinarian certifies on the official 98 certificate of veterinary inspection that to inoculate or deworm 99 the cat is not in the best medical interest of the cat, in which 100 case the vaccine or anthelmintic may not be administered to that particular cat. Each cat must receive vaccines and anthelmintics 101 102 against the following diseases and internal parasites:

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1. Panleukopenia.

- 2. Feline viral rhinotracheitis.
- 105 3. Calici virus.

106 4. Rabies, if the cat is over 3 months of age and the107 inoculation is administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 108 5. Hookworms.
- 109 6. Roundworms.
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111 If the cat is under 4 months of age, the tests, vaccines, and 112 anthelmintics required by this section must be administered no

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more than 21 days before sale within the state. If the cat is 4 months of age or older, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section must be administered at or after 3 months of age, but no more than 1 year before sale within the state.

118 (3) (a) Each dog or cat subject to subsection (1) or 119 subsection (2) must be accompanied by a current official certificate of veterinary inspection at all times while being 120 121 offered for sale within the state or by a seller located within 122 the state. The examining veterinarian must retain one copy of 123 the official certificate of veterinary inspection on file for at 124 least 1 year after the date of examination. At the time of sale 125 of the animal, one copy of the official certificate of 126 veterinary inspection must be given to the buyer. The seller 127 must retain one copy of the official certificate of veterinary 128 inspection on record for at least 1 year after the date of sale.

129 The term "official certificate of veterinary (b) 130 inspection" means a legible certificate of veterinary inspection signed by the examining veterinarian licensed by the animal's 131 132 state of origin and accredited by the United States Department 133 of Agriculture, that shows the age, sex, breed, color, and 134 health record of the dog or cat, the printed or typed names and 135 addresses of the person or business from whom the animal was obtained, the consignor or seller, the consignee or purchaser, 136 137 and the examining veterinarian, and the veterinarian's license 138 number. The official certificate of veterinary inspection must 139 list all vaccines and deworming medications administered to the dog or cat, including the manufacturer, vaccine, type, lot 140

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141 number, expiration date, and the dates of administration 142 thereof, and must state that the examining veterinarian warrants 143 that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the animal has no 144 sign of contagious or infectious diseases, including, but not 145 limited to, bordetella, and has no evidence of internal or 146 external parasites, including, but not limited to, coccidiosis, 147 giardia, and ear mites, but excluding fleas and ticks. The 148 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall supply the 149 official intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection 150 required by this section at cost. The official certificate of 151 veterinary inspection must include the printed or typed full 152 name and address of the breeder of the animal, any United States 153 Department of Agriculture license number and state-issued 154 license number of the breeder, and any federal or tax identification number and employer identification number of the 155 156 breeder.

157 The examination of each dog and cat by a veterinarian (C) must take place no more than 15 $\frac{30}{30}$ days before date of the sale 158 159 or the date of the transfer of the animal, whichever is later, 160 within the state or by a seller located within the state. The 161 examination must include, but not be limited to, a fecal test to 162 determine whether if the dog or cat is free of internal 163 parasites, including hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, and 164 whipworms. If the examination warrants, the dog or cat must be 165 treated with a specific anthelmintic. In the absence of a 166 definitive parasitic diagnosis, each dog or cat must be given a 167 broad spectrum anthelmintic. Each dog over 6 months of age must 168 also be tested for heartworms. Each cat must also be tested for

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169 feline leukemia before being offered for sale in the state. All 170 of these tests must be performed by or under the supervision of 171 a licensed veterinarian, and the results of the tests must be 172 listed on the official certificate of veterinary inspection.

(d) All dogs and cats offered for sale and copies of certificates held by the seller and veterinarian are subject to inspection by any agent of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, any agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, any law enforcement officer, or any agent appointed under s. 828.03.

(e) For a dog subject to paragraph (1) (b) or a cat subject to paragraph (2) (b), if the animal is offered for sale: 181 <u>1. At a retail pet store, the official certificate of</u> veterinary inspection must be continuously displayed on or next to the enclosure of the animal so as to be readable by any interested customer.

185 <u>2. Via the Internet, the official certificate of</u> 186 <u>veterinary inspection must be continuously displayed or</u> 187 <u>continuously made available on the webpage on which the animal</u> 188 <u>appears for sale so as to be readable by any interested</u> 189 customer.

<u>3. Via any other means, the seller must disclose the</u>
 <u>printed or typed full name and full address of the breeder of</u>
 <u>the animal, any United States Department of Agriculture license</u>
 <u>number and state-issued license number of the breeder, and any</u>
 <u>federal or tax identification number and employer identification</u>
 <u>number of the breeder.</u>
 (4) A person may not transport into the state for sale or

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197	offer for sale <u>as a seller located</u> within the state any dog or
198	cat that is less than 8 weeks of age.
199	(16) A pet dealer may not knowingly misrepresent the
200	breed, sex, <u>origin,</u> or health of any dog or cat offered for sale
201	within the state.
202	Section 2. Section 828.295, Florida Statutes, is created
203	to read:
204	828.295 Sales of live dogs and cats prohibited in certain
205	locations
206	(1) As used in this section, the term:
207	(a) "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary
208	lines of every way or place of whatever nature, publicly
209	maintained and open to the use of the public for the purpose of
210	vehicular travel, including, but not limited to, streets,
211	bridges, causeways, tunnels, and ferries.
212	(b) "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate
213	use of the highway.
214	(2)(a) A person may not willfully sell, offer for sale or
215	exchange, offer for donation, display, or donate any live dog or
216	cat on any highway or right-of-way; at any flea market,
217	commercial or retail parking lot, public park, public
218	playground, public swimming pool, or any other public
219	recreational area; or on any property adjacent to such a
220	location within the state, regardless of whether the person's
221	access to the location is authorized.
222	(b) This section does not apply to:
223	1. A humane society registered with the Department of
224	State, a municipal or county animal control unit, any society or

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225 association for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or a 226 nonprofit organization sponsoring a dog or cat adoption event. 227 2. The offering of dogs or cats for sale at a private 228 residence. 229 3. The offering of dogs or cats for sale by a paid entrant 230 to a competitive cat or dog show, provided that the sale occurs 231 on the premises and within the confines of the show. 232 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), a 233 person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the 234 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 235 775.083. 236 (b) A person who violates this section for the first time 237 and by that violation causes or permits a live dog or cat to 238 suffer or be injured, or causes or permits a live dog or cat to 239 be placed in a situation in which its life or health may be endangered, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, 240 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 241 242 (c) A person who violates this section for a second or 243 subsequent time commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, 244 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 245 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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