

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Agriculture

CS/SB 1082 — Domestic Violence Injunctions

by Agriculture Committee and Senator Albritton

The bill expressly authorizes a court, when granting a domestic violence injunction, to:

- Award the petitioner the exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal that is owned, possessed, harbored, kept, or held by the petitioner, the respondent, or a minor child who is residing in the residence or household of the petitioner or respondent.
- Order the respondent to have no contact with the animal.
- Prohibit the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal.

The bill does not apply to animals owned primarily for a bona fide agricultural purpose or to a service animal if the respondent is the service animal's handler.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 117-0