

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Infrastructure and Security

CS/HB 705 — Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets

by Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee and Reps. Killebrew, Toledo, and others (CS/CS/SB 752 by Community Affairs Committee; Infrastructure and Security Committee; and Senators Bean, Book, and Cruz)

The bill requires counties that maintain designated shelters to designate a shelter that can accommodate persons with pets. The shelter must be in compliance with applicable FEMA Disaster Assistance Policies and Procedures and with safety procedures regarding the sheltering of pets established in the shelter component of both local and state comprehensive emergency management plans.

The bill also requires the Department of Education to assist the Division of Emergency Management in determining strategies for the evacuation of persons with pets for the shelter component of the state comprehensive emergency management plan.

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

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0