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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the retail sale of domestic dogs
3	and cats; creating s. 828.32, F.S.; providing
4	definitions; prohibiting pet stores from selling or
5	offering for sale domestic dogs and cats; providing
6	penalties; providing construction; providing an
7	effective date.
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9	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11	Section 1. Section 828.32, Florida Statutes, is created to
12	read:
13	828.32 Retail sale of domestic dogs and cats
14	(1) As used in this section, the term:
15	(a) "Pet store" means a for-profit business that sells or
16	offers for sale animals to the public at retail. The term does
17	not include a person who sells or offers for sale directly to
18	the public only animals that the person bred and raised.
19	(b) "Sell or offer for sale" means to advertise or display
20	for sale, barter, or trade.
21	(2) A pet store may not sell or offer for sale a domestic
22	dog or cat.
23	(3) The sale or offer for sale of a domestic dog or cat in
24	violation of this section is a noncriminal violation, punishable
25	as provided in s. 775.083. Each such sale or offer for sale

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26	constitutes a separate offense.
27	(4) This section does not prohibit the enactment or
28	enforcement of a municipal or county ordinance restricting the
29	sale or offer for sale of animals that is more stringent than
30	this section.
31	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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