

HB2253



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2253

Introduced 2/14/2023, by Rep. Dagmara Avelar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 605/3.8

Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Provides that a pet shop operator shall not offer for sale a rabbit regardless of where it was obtained.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing
5 Section 3.8 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 605/3.8)

7 Sec. 3.8. Prohibition of dogs, ~~and cats,~~ and rabbits sold
8 by pet shops; recordkeeping.

9 (a) A pet shop operator may offer for sale a dog or cat
10 only if the dog or cat is obtained from an animal control
11 facility or animal shelter, located in-state or out-of-state,
12 that is in compliance with Section 3.9.

13 (b) A pet shop operator shall keep a record of each dog or
14 cat offered for sale. The record must be kept on file for a
15 period of 2 years following the acquisition of each dog or cat,
16 made available to the Department upon request, and submitted
17 to the Department on May 1 and November 1 of each year. The
18 record shall include the following:

19 (1) name, address, and phone number of the animal
20 control facility or animal shelter each dog or cat was
21 obtained from; and

22 (2) documentation from the animal control facility or
23 animal shelter each dog or cat was obtained from

1 demonstrating compliance with Section 3.9, including the
2 circumstances that led to the animal control facility or
3 animal shelter obtaining ownership of the dog or cat and
4 any other information indicating the dog or cat was not
5 obtained from a source prohibited in Section 3.9.

6 (c) In addition to the penalties set forth in Section
7 20.5, a pet shop operator that violates subsection (a) shall
8 no longer offer for sale a dog or cat regardless of where the
9 dog or cat was obtained.

10 (d) Nothing in this Section prohibits a pet shop operator
11 from providing space to an animal control facility or animal
12 shelter to showcase dogs or cats owned by these entities for
13 the purpose of adoption.

14 (e) A pet shop operator shall not offer for sale a rabbit
15 regardless of where it was obtained.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-586, eff. 2-23-22.)