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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 605/3.1	from Ch. 8, par. 303.1
225 ILCS 605/3.5 new	
225 ILCS 605/3.15 new	
815 ILCS 505/2Z	from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 262Z

Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Sets forth disclosure requirements for any dog or cat made available for adoption or sale by an animal shelter, animal control facility, or pet shop operator, including adoptions or sales available over the internet. Sets forth certain requirements concerning an acknowledgement of disclosures form which must be signed by the customer or adopter and the pet shop operator or authorized representative of the animal shelter or animal control facility. Makes other changes. Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that any person who knowingly violates the disclosure requirements for a pet shop operator who sells a dog or cat under the Animal Welfare Act commits an unlawful practice. Effective January 1, 2011.

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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 3.1 and by adding Sections 3.5 and 3.15 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 605/3.1) (from Ch. 8, par. 303.1)

7 Sec. 3.1. Information on dogs and cats for sale by a dog  
8 dealer or cattery operator. Every ~~pet shop operator,~~ dog  
9 dealer~~,~~ and cattery operator shall provide the following  
10 information for every dog or cat available for sale:

11 (a) The age, sex, and weight of the animal.

12 (b) The breed of the animal.

13 (c) A record of vaccinations and veterinary care and  
14 treatment.

15 (d) A record of surgical sterilization or lack of surgical  
16 sterilization.

17 (e) The name and address of the breeder of the animal.

18 (f) The name and address of any other person who owned or  
19 harbored the animal between its birth and the point of sale.

20 (Source: P.A. 87-819.)

21 (225 ILCS 605/3.5 new)

22 Sec. 3.5. Information on dogs and cats available for

1 adoption by an animal shelter or animal control facility.

2 (a) An animal shelter or animal control facility must  
3 provide to the adopter prior to the time of adoption the  
4 following information, to the best of its knowledge, on any dog  
5 or cat being offered for adoption:

6 (1) The breed, age, date of birth, sex, and color of  
7 the dog or cat if known, or if unknown, the animal shelter  
8 or animal control facility shall estimate to the best of  
9 its ability.

10 (2) The dates of any inoculation or medical treatment  
11 administered to the dog or cat at any time while under the  
12 possession of the animal shelter or animal control  
13 facility.

14 (3) If the dog or cat received any inoculation or  
15 medical treatment from a veterinarian, then the name and  
16 business address of the veterinarian who performed the  
17 examination and administered any treatment or medication.

18 (4) If the dog or cat received any inoculation or  
19 medical treatment from an animal shelter or animal control  
20 facility, then the name of the manager who authorized the  
21 administration of the treatment or medication, his or her  
22 title, and employer.

23 (5) The adoption fee and any additional fees or  
24 charges.

25 (6) If the dog or cat was returned by an adopter, then  
26 the date and reason for the return.

1           (7) Any known citations or warnings issued to the  
2           animal shelter or animal control facility by the Illinois  
3           Department of Agriculture, or other regulatory or  
4           governmental agency relating to the health or welfare of  
5           dogs or cats held or placed for adoption by an animal  
6           shelter or animal control facility.

7           (8) The policy of the animal shelter or animal control  
8           facility regarding any returns of the adopted dog or cat,  
9           warranties, guarantees, or any other policy related to the  
10           adopted dog or cat.

11           (9) Whether the dog or cat (i) was found as a stray,  
12           (ii) was an owner surrender, (iii) was transferred from  
13           another animal control facility, or (iv) otherwise how the  
14           dog or cat came to the animal shelter or animal control  
15           facility.

16           (b) The information required in subsection (a) shall be  
17           provided to the adopter in written form by the animal shelter  
18           or animal control facility and shall on its last page have an  
19           acknowledgement of disclosures form, which must be signed by  
20           the adopter and an authorized representative of the animal  
21           shelter or animal control facility at the time of the adoption.  
22           The acknowledgement of disclosures form shall include the  
23           following:

24           (1) A blank space for the dated signature and printed  
25           name of the authorized representative handling the  
26           adoption on behalf of the animal shelter or animal control

1 facility, which shall be immediately beneath the following  
2 printed statement: "I hereby attest that all of the above  
3 information is true and correct to the best of my  
4 knowledge, and I have made a diligent effort to obtain this  
5 information.".

6 (2) A blank space for the dated signature and printed  
7 name of the adopter, which shall be immediately beneath the  
8 following statement: "I hereby attest that this disclosure  
9 was posted with the dog or cat for adoption and that I have  
10 read all the disclosures. I further understand that I am  
11 entitled to keep a signed copy of this disclosure.".

12 (c) A copy of the disclosures and the signed  
13 acknowledgement of disclosure form shall be provided to the  
14 adopter and the original copy shall be maintained by the animal  
15 shelter or animal control facility for a period of 2 years from  
16 the date of adoption.

17 (d) An animal shelter or animal control facility shall post  
18 in a conspicuous place in writing on or near the cage of any  
19 dog or cat available for adoption the information required by  
20 subsection (a) of this Section 3.5. An animal shelter or animal  
21 control facility that makes dogs or cats available for adoption  
22 over the internet must post the same disclosures required by  
23 subsection (a) of this Section 3.5 in conjunction with the  
24 information about the individual dog or cat for adoption.

1       Sec. 3.15. Disclosures for dogs and cats being sold by pet  
2 shops.

3       (a) Prior to the time of sale, every pet shop operator  
4 must, to the best of his or her knowledge, provide to the  
5 consumer the following information on any dog or cat being  
6 offered for sale:

7           (1) The retail price of the dog or cat, including any  
8 additional fees or charges.

9           (2) The breed, age, date of birth, sex, and color of  
10 the dog or cat.

11           (3) The dates of any inoculations or medical treatments  
12 administered to the dog or cat at any time prior to the  
13 sale.

14           (4) If the dog or cat received any inoculation or  
15 medical treatment from a veterinarian, then the name and  
16 business address of the veterinarian who performed the  
17 examination and administered any treatment or medication.

18           (5) If the dog or cat received any inoculation or  
19 medical treatment from a pet shop, then the name of the  
20 licensee or manager who authorized the administration of  
21 the treatment or medication, his or her title, and  
22 employer.

23           (6) If the dog or cat received any inoculation or  
24 medical treatment from a dog dealer or cattery operator,  
25 then the name of the licensee or manager who authorized the  
26 administration of the treatment or medication, his or her

1 title, and employer.

2 (7) The name and business address of both the dog or  
3 cat breeder and the facility where the dog or cat was born.  
4 If the dog or cat breeder is located in the State, then the  
5 breeder's license number. If the dog or cat breeder also  
6 holds a license issued by the United States Department of  
7 Agriculture, the breeder's federal identification number.

8 (8) Any known citations or warnings issued to the  
9 breeder by the USDA, respective state Department of  
10 Agriculture, or other regulatory or governmental agency  
11 relating to the health or welfare of the dogs or cats owned  
12 or bred by that breeder.

13 (9) The name and business address of any other person  
14 who owned, harbored, transported, or facilitated the sale  
15 of the dog or cat between its birth and the point of sale.

16 (10) Any known congenital or hereditary diseases of the  
17 parents of the dog or cat, or the parents' other offspring.

18 (11) If eligible for registration with a pedigree  
19 registry, then the name and registration numbers of the  
20 sire and dam and the address of the pedigree registry where  
21 the sire and dam are registered.

22 (12) If the dog or cat was returned by a customer, then  
23 the date and reason for the return.

24 (13) The total number of puppies or kittens that were  
25 born at the breeder's facility in the prior calendar year.

26 (14) The licensee's policy regarding any guarantees,

1 warranties, refunds or returns.

2 (b) The information required in subsection (a) shall be  
3 provided to the customer in written form by the pet shop  
4 operator and shall on its last page have an acknowledgement of  
5 disclosures form, which must be signed by the customer and the  
6 pet shop operator at the time of sale. The acknowledgement of  
7 disclosures form shall include the following:

8 (1) A blank space for the dated signature and printed  
9 name of the pet shop operator, which shall be immediately  
10 beneath the following statement: "I hereby attest that all  
11 of the above information is true and correct to the best of  
12 my knowledge, and I have made a diligent effort to obtain  
13 this information.";

14 (2) A blank space for the customer to sign and print  
15 his or her name and the date, which shall be immediately  
16 beneath the following statement: "I hereby attest that this  
17 disclosure was posted with the dog or cat for sale and that  
18 I have read all of the disclosures. I further understand  
19 that I am entitled to keep a signed copy of this  
20 disclosure."

21 (c) A copy of the disclosures and the signed  
22 acknowledgement of disclosure form shall be provided to the  
23 customer at the time of sale and the original copy shall be  
24 maintained by the pet shop operator for a period of 2 years  
25 from the date of sale.

26 (d) A pet shop operator shall post in a conspicuous place



1 in writing on or near the cage of any dog or cat available for  
2 sale the information required by subsection (a) of this Section  
3 3.15. A pet shop operator that makes dogs or cats available for  
4 sale over the internet must post the same disclosures required  
5 by subsection (a) of this Section 3.15 in conjunction with the  
6 information about the individual dog or cat for sale.

7 (e) A pet shop operator who makes a false or misleading  
8 statement in connection with any disclosure required by  
9 subsection (a) of this Section 3.15 has committed a violation  
10 of Section 2Z of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business  
11 Practices Act.

12 Section 10. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business  
13 Practices Act is amended by changing Section 2Z as follows:

14 (815 ILCS 505/2Z) (from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 262Z)

15 Sec. 2Z. Violations of other Acts. Any person who knowingly  
16 violates subsection (a) of Section 3.15 of the Animal Welfare  
17 Act, the Automotive Repair Act, the Automotive Collision Repair  
18 Act, the Home Repair and Remodeling Act, the Dance Studio Act,  
19 the Physical Fitness Services Act, the Hearing Instrument  
20 Consumer Protection Act, the Illinois Union Label Act, the Job  
21 Referral and Job Listing Services Consumer Protection Act, the  
22 Travel Promotion Consumer Protection Act, the Credit Services  
23 Organizations Act, the Automatic Telephone Dialers Act, the  
24 Pay-Per-Call Services Consumer Protection Act, the Telephone

1 Solicitations Act, the Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act,  
2 the Cemetery Oversight Act, the Cemetery Care Act, the Safe and  
3 Hygienic Bed Act, the Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act, the High  
4 Risk Home Loan Act, the Payday Loan Reform Act, the Mortgage  
5 Rescue Fraud Act, subsection (a) or (b) of Section 3-10 of the  
6 Cigarette Tax Act, subsection (a) or (b) of Section 3-10 of the  
7 Cigarette Use Tax Act, the Electronic Mail Act, the Internet  
8 Caller Identification Act, paragraph (6) of subsection (k) of  
9 Section 6-305 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, Section 18d-115,  
10 18d-120, 18d-125, 18d-135, or 18d-150 of the Illinois Vehicle  
11 Code, Article 3 of the Residential Real Property Disclosure  
12 Act, the Automatic Contract Renewal Act, or the Personal  
13 Information Protection Act commits an unlawful practice within  
14 the meaning of this Act.

15 (Source: P.A. 95-413, eff. 1-1-08; 95-562, eff. 7-1-08; 95-876,  
16 eff. 8-21-08; 96-863, eff. 1-19-10.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
18 1, 2011.