

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1424

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning consumer protection with respect to the sale of dogs and cats.

Sponsors: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business (originally sponsored by Representatives Walen, Ybarra, Springer, Simmons, Ramel and Berg).

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business
Senate Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade

Background:

State law regulates the treatment of animals in a variety of contexts. Animal cruelty statutes prohibit harming or killing animals in most situations and transporting or confining animals in an unsafe manner. In addition, dog breeding operations must meet space, sanitation, and safety requirements. The retail or private sale of domesticated animals is generally not regulated; however, the state prohibits a live dog or cat from being named as collateral for a consumer lease or secured transaction.

Some counties and cities regulate the sale of animals intended for use as pets, such as imposing licensing requirements on retail pet stores and prohibiting the sale of certain types of animals, such as dogs and cats.

Summary:

A retail pet store may not sell or offer to sell any cat. A retail pet store may not sell or offer to sell a dog unless the retail pet store sold or offered to sell any dog prior to July 25, 2021.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	68	30
Senate	31	18

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