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H.B. No. 3888

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a sterilization exemption for a dog or cat adopted from a releasing agency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 828.013, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 828.013. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a dog or cat that is claimed from a releasing agency by a person who already owns the animal;

(2) subject to Subdivision (5), a releasing agency located in a municipality that has in effect an ordinance providing standards for dog and cat sterilization that exceed the requirements provided by this chapter;

(3) an institution of higher education that purchases or otherwise procures a dog or cat for the purpose of biomedical research, testing, or teaching; ~~or~~

(4) a releasing agency located in:

(A) a county with a population of 20,000 or less;

or

(B) a municipality with a population of 10,000 or less; or

(5) a dog or cat scheduled for euthanasia by the releasing agency that a new owner adopts.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.