



S.F. No. 1943 – Prohibiting Pet Shops from Selling Cats and Dogs

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SF 1943 prohibits pet shops from selling cats and dogs.

Section 1 defines “advertisement” and “pet shops.”

Section 2 amends the disclosure requirements to now require pet dealers to provide a copy of every state and federal inspection report for the animal’s breeder for three years preceding the date the animal was purchased.

Section 3 amends the notification requirements in order to receive the remedies provided in section 325F.791, subdivision 6.

Section 4 establishes a new section of law that prohibits pet shops from selling cats and dogs.

This section allows pet shops to provide space for a nonprofit society, animal control agency, or animal rescue and rehoming organization to offer animals for adoption.

A pet shop that sold or offered for sale an animal from the pet shop’s physical premise and has not transferred ownership within one year prior to the effective date of this section, may continue to operate if:

- (1) An animal sold or offered for sale on or after the effective date of this section is obtained only from a state- or USDA- licensed breeder; and
- (2) Discloses the breeder’s state license number or USDA license number in the advertisement to sell or offer for sale.

Section 5 provides civil penalties for the violation of the new section of law established in this bill.

