

House File 2521 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2157)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the abandonment of cats and dogs including
2 delivery to an animal shelter or pound, and making penalties
3 applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 717B.8, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. The delivery of a cat or dog to an animal shelter or
4 pound as defined in [section 162.2](#) that has been issued or
5 renewed a valid authorization by the department under chapter
6 162. Delivery under this paragraph requires an employee or
7 volunteer of the animal shelter or pound to physically accept
8 the delivery of the animal.

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EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to the abandonment of cats and dogs
13 including delivery to an animal shelter or pound.

14 The bill provides that in order for the delivery of a cat
15 or dog to an animal shelter or pound to be an exception to
16 abandonment of the cat or dog, an employee or volunteer of the
17 animal shelter or pound must physically accept the delivery of
18 the animal.

19 A person committing animal abandonment faces criminal
20 charges ranging from a simple misdemeanor to an aggravated
21 misdemeanor depending on the status of the animal.