

Assembly Bill No. 2380

CHAPTER 548

An act to add Section 122191 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to online pet retailers.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2380, Maienschein. Online pet retailers: retail financing options.

Existing law, the Lockyer-Polanco-Farr Pet Protection Act, requires dealers of dogs and cats to comply with its provisions, including maintaining certain health and safety standards for pets and providing purchasers and prospective purchasers of pets, upon request, with written notice of consumer rights concerning the sale of a pet, including information about available refunds and other remedies. Existing law provides civil penalties for a violation of the act, up to \$1,000 per violation, except in certain cases, and allows such an action to be prosecuted by the district attorney or city attorney, as specified.

This bill would prohibit an online pet retailer, as defined, from offering, brokering, making a referral for, or otherwise facilitating a loan or other financing option for the adoption or sale of a dog, cat, or rabbit. The bill would not apply to a loan or other financing option for the purchase of a service animal.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 122191 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

122191. (a) For the purposes of this section, "online pet retailer" means a person engaged in the business of selling dogs, cats, or rabbits, at retail, online through an internet website.

(b) An online pet retailer shall not offer, broker, make a referral for, or otherwise facilitate a loan or other financing option for the adoption or sale of a dog, cat, or rabbit.

(c) This section does not apply to a loan or other financing option for the purchase of a service animal.

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