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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 41, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2;
RELATING TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 41, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 by adding article 2, to read:

4 ARTICLE 2. EMERGENCY OPERATION PLANS FOR PETS

5 41-4261. Definitions

6 IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 1. "HOUSEHOLD PET" MEANS ANY NONHUMAN MAMMAL, BIRD, REPTILE OR
8 AMPHIBIAN THAT IS NORMALLY MAINTAINED IN OR NEAR THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE OWNER
9 OR PERSON WHO CARES FOR THE NONHUMAN MAMMAL, BIRD, REPTILE OR AMPHIBIAN.

10 2. "SERVICE ANIMAL" MEANS AN ANIMAL THAT HAS COMPLETED A FORMAL
11 TRAINING PROGRAM, THAT ASSISTS ITS OWNER IN ONE OR MORE DAILY LIVING TASKS
12 THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A PRODUCTIVE LIFESTYLE AND THAT IS TRAINED TO NOT
13 POSE A DANGER TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

14 41-4262. Emergency operation plans for pets; applicability to
15 local emergency plans

16 A. IN CONSULTATION WITH EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS OF ANIMAL SHELTERING,
17 VETERINARY MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND
18 TECHNICAL PERSONNEL DEEMED APPROPRIATE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORMULATE
19 EMERGENCY OPERATION PLANS FOR THE HUMANE EVACUATION, TRANSPORT AND TEMPORARY
20 SHELTERING OF SERVICE ANIMALS AND HOUSEHOLD PETS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY OR
21 DISASTER THAT:

22 1. REQUIRE THAT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO USE SERVICE ANIMALS ARE
23 EVACUATED, TRANSPORTED AND SHELTERED WITH THOSE SERVICE ANIMALS.

24 2. IDENTIFY OR ESTABLISH A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF EVACUATION SHELTERS
25 THAT ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A HUMAN SHELTERING FACILITY AND THAT ARE
26 DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED TO ACCEPT AND TEMPORARILY HOUSE HOUSEHOLD PETS AND PET
27 SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS.

28 3. ENABLE, IF POSSIBLE, JOINT HOUSEHOLD PET AND OWNER EVACUATION FOR
29 DISABLED, ELDERLY AND SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS AND ALL OTHER RESIDENTS IF THE
30 EVACUATIONS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ENDANGERING HUMAN LIFE.

31 4. ALLOW HOUSEHOLD PETS IN CAGES OR CARRIERS THAT SAFELY AND SECURELY
32 CONFINE THESE HOUSEHOLD PETS AND THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THE
33 CONTAINMENT AND TRANSPORT OF THE HOUSEHOLD PETS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
34 DURING AN IMPENDING DISASTER IF DOING SO DOES NOT ENDANGER HUMAN LIFE. IF
35 THESE HOUSEHOLD PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, THE PLAN
36 SHALL PROVIDE FOR SEPARATE TRANSPORTATION FOR THESE HOUSEHOLD PETS TO THE
37 EVACUATION SHELTER IN CLOSEST PROXIMITY TO THE HUMAN SHELTERING FACILITY IN
38 WHICH THE HOUSEHOLD PET'S OWNER OR CUSTODIAN WILL BE TEMPORARILY HOUSED IF
39 THE LOCATION IS KNOWN. IF THE LOCATION OF THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN IS NOT
40 KNOWN, THE PLAN SHALL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO THE NEAREST EVACUATION
41 SHELTER.

42 5. DIRECT ANIMAL SHELTERS, HUMANE SOCIETIES, VETERINARY OFFICES,
43 BOARDING KENNELS, BREEDERS, GROOMING FACILITIES, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, ANIMAL
44 TESTING FACILITIES AND ANY OTHER BUSINESSES OR NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT
45 NORMALLY HOUSE HOUSEHOLD PETS OR SERVICE ANIMALS TO CREATE EVACUATION PLANS

1 FOR THESE ANIMALS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION. THESE PLANS SHALL
2 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST AND SHALL BE FILED ANNUALLY WITH
3 THE DEPARTMENT.

4 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

5 1. IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM TO GUIDE HOUSEHOLD PET
6 OWNERS IN FORMULATING THEIR OWN EVACUATION PLANS FOR THEIR HOUSEHOLD PETS AND
7 SERVICE ANIMALS.

8 2. INFORM HOUSEHOLD PET OWNERS OF THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO
9 ASSIST THEM IN THESE EVACUATIONS.

10 3. INFORM HOUSEHOLD PET OWNERS OF THE LOCATION AND OTHER RELEVANT
11 GUIDELINES FOR THE SHELTERS IN THEIR AREA THAT ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD PETS.

12 4. DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR EVACUATION SHELTERS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED OR
13 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 2 THAT MAY INCLUDE STANDARDS
14 OR CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THESE SHELTERS, HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS,
15 PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR ENSURING ADEQUATE SHELTERING, MANAGEMENT AND
16 VETERINARY STAFFING FOR THE SHELTERS.

17 5. ESTABLISH AN IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT HOUSEHOLD PET
18 OWNERS WHO ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR HOUSEHOLD PETS DURING AN EVACUATION ARE
19 PROVIDED WITH ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO LOCATE AND RECLAIM THEIR HOUSEHOLD
20 PET. IN ESTABLISHING SUCH AN IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
21 DEVELOP A TRACKING NUMBER SYSTEM.

22 C. ANY COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN OR REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL THAT
23 ESTABLISHES AN EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE SIMILAR PROVISIONS IN
24 ITS PLAN FOR HOUSEHOLD PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE
25 AND SHALL COORDINATE ITS EFFORTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT.