

# House Bill 2928

Sponsored by Representative MAURER

## SUMMARY

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Imposes requirements on owners of retail pet stores for care of pets.  
Imposes civil penalty for violation of requirements.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to retail pet stores.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section and sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act:**

5 (a) "Pet animal" means mammals, birds, including exotic birds, reptiles and fish.

6 (b) "Retail pet store" means an establishment operated and maintained for buying or  
7 receiving pet animals and thereafter exhibiting or offering for sale or selling, trading or  
8 bartering pet animals.

9 (2) An owner of a retail pet store shall, for all pet animals kept in the store:

10 (a) Provide veterinary care for the animals that are injured, ill or traumatized;

11 (b) Provide adequate ventilation that will exhaust stale air, excess humidity and pet ani-  
12 mal odors;

13 (c) Provide cages that are of sufficient size to allow the pet animal to move freely, to  
14 have an adequate sleeping area and to stand, sit, perch or otherwise exercise;

15 (d) Ensure that pet animal cages kept outdoors provide sufficient protection from  
16 weather elements and that the area surrounding each cage kept indoors is kept at a tem-  
17 perature that is appropriate for each species of pet animal;

18 (e) Provide food that meets minimum nutrition requirements; and

19 (f) Provide fresh potable water.

20 (3) An owner of a retail pet store may not sell or accept for sale a pet animal that is not  
21 fully weaned or is a baby bird.

22 (4) An owner of a retail pet store shall provide information to each purchaser of a pet  
23 animal about the care, feeding and medical needs of the pet animal.

24 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall administer and enforce sec-**  
25 **tion 1 of this 2007 Act and shall adopt and enforce all rules that the department deems nec-**  
26 **essary to ensure compliance with section 1 of this 2007 Act.**

27 (2) Rules adopted under this section by the department shall:

28 (a) Ensure that owners of retail pet stores and their employees are knowledgeable about  
29 proper care and medical needs of pet animals kept in their stores; and

30 (b) Establish a system of inspections of retail pet stores to ensure that pet animals are  
31 properly cared for.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1        **SECTION 3.** (1) The State Department of Agriculture may impose a civil penalty not to  
2 exceed \$500 on an owner of a retail pet store who violates section 1 of this 2007 Act.

3        (2) Civil penalties imposed under this section shall be imposed in the manner provided in  
4 ORS 183.745.

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