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MEMORANDUM

To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 18, 2019
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2243

HB 2243 would exempt animal shelters from the requirement to register as a charitable organization.

The bill amends K.S.A. 17-1762, which contains the list of groups not required to register as a charitable organization to add animal shelters as defined in K.S.A. 47-1701, which is the definition section of the Kansas Pet Animal Act.

That statute defines an animal shelter as “a facility that is used or designed for use to house, contain, impound or harbor any seized stray, homeless, relinquished or abandoned animal or a person who acts as an animal rescuer, or who collects and cares for unwanted animals or offers them for adoption. Animal shelter or pound also includes a facility of an individual or organization, profit or nonprofit, maintaining 20 or more dogs or cats, or both, for the purpose of collecting, accumulating, amassing or maintaining the animals or offering the animals for adoption”.