By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Taddeo

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the lease of dogs and cats;
creating s. 828.32, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of
possession of dogs and cats under specified
circumstances; prohibiting the lease of dogs and cats
under certain circumstances; providing remedies for
noncompliance; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 828.32, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

828.32 Lease of dogs or cats prohibited.—
(1) A person may not do any of the following:
(a) Transfer possession of a dog or cat, if the dog or cat
is used as collateral for the transfer agreement or is subject
to repossession in any manner upon default of the agreement.
(b) Lease a dog or cat, if the lease terms provide for or
offer the option of transferring ownership of the dog or cat at
the end of the lease period.
(2) In addition to any other remedies provided by law, the
consumer taking possession of a dog or cat in a transfer
prohibited by this section is the owner of the dog or cat and is
entitled to the return of all amounts the consumer paid under
such lease.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.