

By Senator Young

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to steroid use in racing greyhounds;
3 amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; providing that a positive
4 test result for anabolic steroids in certain samples
5 taken from a greyhound violates the prohibition on the
6 racing of animals that are impermissibly medicated or
7 determined to have a prohibited substance present;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
13 550.2415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions
15 prohibited; penalties; exceptions.—

16 (1) (a) The racing of an animal that has been impermissibly
17 medicated or determined to have a prohibited substance present
18 is prohibited. It is a violation of this section for a person to
19 impermissibly medicate an animal or for an animal to have a
20 prohibited substance present resulting in a positive test for
21 such medications or substances based on samples taken from the
22 animal before or immediately after the racing of that animal. It
23 is a violation of this section for a greyhound to have anabolic
24 steroids present resulting in a positive test for such steroids
25 based on samples taken from the greyhound before or immediately
26 after the racing of that greyhound. Test results and the
27 identities of the animals being tested and of their trainers and
28 owners of record are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1)
29 and from s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution for 10 days

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30 after testing of all samples collected on a particular day has
31 been completed and any positive test results derived from such
32 samples have been reported to the director of the division or
33 administrative action has been commenced.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.