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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to the racing of animals; amending s.  
3 550.2415, F.S.; requiring the Division of Pari-mutuel  
4 Wagering in the Department of Business and Professional  
5 Regulation to maintain certain records regarding injuries  
6 and the disposition of greyhounds that race in this state;  
7 providing guidelines and requirements for injury and  
8 disposition report forms; providing for the adoption of  
9 rules; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 550.2415, Florida  
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions  
16 prohibited; penalties; exceptions.--

17 (6) (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that animals  
18 that participate in races in this state on which pari-mutuel  
19 wagering is conducted and animals that are bred and trained in  
20 this state for racing be treated humanely, both on and off  
21 racetracks, throughout the lives of the animals.

22 (b) The division shall, by rule, establish the procedures  
23 for euthanizing greyhounds. However, a greyhound may not be put  
24 to death by any means other than by lethal injection of the drug  
25 sodium pentobarbital. A greyhound may not be removed from this  
26 state for the purpose of being destroyed.

27 (c) It is a violation of this chapter for an occupational  
28 licensee to train a greyhound using live or dead animals. A

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29 | greyhound may not be taken from this state for the purpose of  
30 | being trained through the use of live or dead animals.

31 |       (d) A conviction of cruelty to animals pursuant to s.  
32 | 828.12 involving a racing animal constitutes a violation of this  
33 | chapter.

34 |       (e) The division shall maintain accurate records and  
35 | statistics regarding injuries incurred by greyhounds while  
36 | racing in this state. The division shall adopt rules requiring  
37 | the reporting of injuries incurred by greyhounds while racing in  
38 | this state, including schooling races. The reports must include:

39 |           1. The greyhound's registered name and right and left ear  
40 | tattoo numbers.

41 |           2. The name, business address, and telephone number of the  
42 | greyhound owner, trainer, and kennel operator.

43 |           3. The color, weight, and sex of the greyhound.

44 |           4. The specific type of injury, the cause of the injury,  
45 | the estimated recovery time, and the location of the injury on  
46 | the greyhound.

47 |           5. Where the injury occurred, whether on a racing track or  
48 | in another area.

49 |           6. If the injury occurred while the greyhound was racing,  
50 | the racetrack where the injury occurred; the distance, grade,  
51 | race, and post position when the injury occurred; and the  
52 | weather conditions, time, temperature, and track condition at  
53 | the time of the injury.

54 |           7. A certification by the racetrack veterinarian that the  
55 | form is correct.

56 |       (f) The division shall maintain accurate records and

57 statistics regarding the disposition of greyhounds that  
58 participate in racing in this state. The division shall adopt  
59 rules requiring the reporting of the disposition of greyhounds  
60 that race in this state, including schooling races. As used in  
61 the reporting requirement, the term "disposition" means death,  
62 transfer to another jurisdiction, retirement, adoption, sale, or  
63 donation for medical research or another purpose. The reports  
64 must include:

65 1. The greyhound's registered name and right and left ear  
66 tattoo numbers; the name, business address, and telephone number  
67 of the greyhound owner, trainer, and kennel operator; and the  
68 name and address of the race track where the greyhound last  
69 raced prior to disposition.

70 2. If the greyhound was transferred to another track, the  
71 name and address of the track that received the greyhound and  
72 the name, business address, telephone number, and driver's  
73 license number and state of issuance of the person who received  
74 the greyhound on behalf of that track.

75 3. If the greyhound was retired for breeding, the name and  
76 address of the facility that received the greyhound and the  
77 name, business address, telephone number, and driver's license  
78 number and state of issuance of the person who received the  
79 greyhound on behalf of that facility.

80 4. If the greyhound was adopted or placed for adoption,  
81 the name and address of the person who received the greyhound  
82 and, if applicable, the name, business address, telephone  
83 number, and driver's license number and state of issuance of the  
84 person who received the greyhound on behalf of the adoption

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85 facility.

86 5. If the greyhound was euthanized, the name, address,  
87 professional title, professional affiliation of the person  
88 performing the euthanasia, method of euthanasia, and reason the  
89 greyhound was euthanized rather than adopted.

90 6. If the greyhound was sold or donated, the name of the  
91 person to whom the greyhound was sold or donated and, if  
92 donated, the name, business address, telephone number, and  
93 driver's license number and state of issuance of the person who  
94 received the greyhound on behalf of the donee.

95 7. If the disposition of the greyhound does not fit into  
96 any of the categories specified in subparagraphs 1.-6., the name  
97 of the person to whom the greyhound was transferred and the  
98 name, business address, telephone number, and driver's license  
99 number and state of issuance of the person who received the  
100 greyhound.

101 8. Certification by the owner, trainer, and kennel  
102 operator that the disposition forms are correct.

103 (g) The division shall maintain injury and disposition  
104 records for 7 years.

105 (h) In addition to other penalties imposed by law, a  
106 person who knowingly makes a false statement on an injury or  
107 disposition form commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
108 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who  
109 knowingly makes a false statement on an injury or disposition  
110 form on a second or subsequent occasion commits a felony of the  
111 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
112 or s. 775.084.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.