

By Senator Sobel

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to greyhound racing injuries; amending
3 s. 550.2415, F.S.; requiring the Division of Pari-
4 mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and
5 Professional Regulation to maintain records of
6 greyhounds injured while racing; providing for the
7 content of such records; providing fines for making
8 false statements on an injury form; providing an
9 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. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of
14 section 550.2415, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

17 (6)

18 (f)1. The division shall maintain records regarding
19 injuries incurred by racing greyhounds while they are racing in
20 this state, including injuries incurred in schooling races. The
21 records must include:

22 a. The greyhound's registered name, right and left ear
23 tattoo numbers, and, if any, the microchip manufacturer and
24 number.

25 b. The name, business address, and telephone number of the
26 greyhound owner and trainer and the kennel operator.

27 c. The color, weight, and sex of the greyhound.

28 d. The location where the injury took place, whether on a
29 racetrack or in another area.

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30 e. If the injury occurred while the greyhound was racing,
31 the racetrack where the injury occurred and the distance, grade,
32 race, and post position of the greyhound when the injury
33 occurred.

34 f. The weather conditions, time, and track condition when
35 the injury occurred.

36 g. The specific type and bodily location of injury, the
37 cause of the injury, and the estimated recovery time from the
38 injury.

39 2. All injury forms shall be completed and signed under
40 oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury by the racetrack
41 veterinarian, whose signature must be witnessed by a designated
42 representative of the division.

43 3. Injury records created and maintained under this
44 paragraph shall be maintained by the division for a period of 7
45 years and shall be made readily available to the public upon
46 oral or written request to the division.

47 4. Knowingly making a false statement on an injury form
48 shall result in a fine not to exceed \$1,500. A second or
49 subsequent violation of this paragraph shall result in a fine of
50 at least \$3,000.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.