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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Business & Professions
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Renuart offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 474.2167, Florida Statutes, is created
8 to read:

9 474.2167 Confidentiality of Animal Medical Records.-

10 (1) The following records held by a state college of
11 veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American
12 Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education are
13 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
14 of the State Constitution:

15 (a) Any medical record generated that relates to
16 diagnosing the medical condition of any animal, prescribing,
17 dispensing, or administering drugs, medicine, appliances,

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18 applications, or treatment of whatever nature for the
19 prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury,
20 or disease thereof to any animal, or performing any manual
21 procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment for pregnancy or
22 fertility or infertility of any animal; and

23 (b) Any such medical record that is transferred by a
24 previous records owner in connection with the transaction of
25 official business by a state college of veterinary medicine that
26 is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association
27 Council on Education.

28 (2) Records made confidential and exempt by this
29 subsection may be disclosed to another governmental entity in
30 the performance of its duties and responsibilities.

31 (3) This exemption applies to the records described in
32 subsection (1) held before, on, or after the effective date of
33 this exemption.

34 (4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
35 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
36 on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
37 through reenactment by the Legislature.

38 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
39 necessity that any medical record generated that relates to
40 diagnosing the medical condition of any animal, prescribing,
41 dispensing, or administering drugs, medicine, appliances,
42 applications, or treatment of whatever nature for the
43 prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury,

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44 or disease thereof to any animal, or performing any manual
45 procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment for pregnancy or
46 fertility or infertility of any animal, which is held by a state
47 college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the
48 American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education, be
49 made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida
50 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The
51 Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that any
52 such medical record that is transferred by a previous records
53 owner in connection with the transaction of official business by
54 a state college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the
55 American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education and
56 that is held by such state college be made confidential and
57 exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),
58 Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature also finds
59 that it is a public necessity that this exemption apply to such
60 animal medical records held by such a state college of
61 veterinary medicine before, on, or after the effective date of
62 the exemption. The Legislature finds that the release of such
63 animal medical records will compromise the confidentiality
64 protections otherwise afforded to animals and the owners or
65 agents of such animals treated by licensed veterinarians. The
66 Legislature finds that owners or agents of animals have the
67 right to the privacy of the medical records of their animals.
68 The Legislature finds that the privacy concerns that result from
69 the release of animal medical records outweighs any public

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70 benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the
71 information.

72 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.
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75 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

76 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

77 A bill to be entitled

78 An act relating to public records; creating s. 474.2167, F.S.;
79 providing an exemption from the public records requirements for
80 medical records related to diagnosing the medical condition of
81 an animal and the treatment of such animal by a state college of
82 veterinary medicine or records transferred by a previous records
83 owner; providing for disclosure of such information under
84 specified conditions; providing for retroactive application of
85 the exemption; providing for legislative review and repeal of
86 the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity;
87 providing an effective date.