

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to greyhound racing injuries;
 3 providing a short title; creating s. 550.2416, F.S.;
 4 requiring injuries to racing greyhounds to be reported
 5 on a form adopted by the Division of Pari-mutuel
 6 Wagering in the Department of Business and
 7 Professional Regulation within a certain timeframe;
 8 specifying the information that must be included in
 9 the form; requiring the division to maintain the forms
 10 as public records; specifying disciplinary action that
 11 may be taken against a licensee of the department who
 12 fails to report an injury or who makes false
 13 statements on an injury form; exempting injuries to
 14 certain animals from reporting requirements; requiring
 15 the division to adopt rules; providing an effective
 16 date.

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

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 20 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Victoria Q. Gaetz
 21 Racing Greyhound Protection Act."

22 Section 2. Section 550.2416, Florida Statutes, is created
 23 to read:

24 550.2416 Reporting of racing greyhound injuries.—

25 (1) An injury to a racing greyhound which occurs while the
 26 greyhound is located in this state must be reported on a form

27 adopted by the division within 7 days after the date the injury
 28 occurred or is believed to have occurred.

29 (2) The form shall be completed and signed under oath or
 30 affirmation under penalty of perjury by the:

31 (a) Racetrack veterinarian, if the injury occurred at the
 32 racetrack facility; or

33 (b) Owner, trainer, or kennel operator who had knowledge
 34 of the injury, if the injury occurred at a location other than
 35 the racetrack, including during transportation.

36 (3) The form must include all of the following:

37 (a) The greyhound's registered name, right-ear and left-
 38 ear tattoo numbers, and, if any, the microchip manufacturer and
 39 number.

40 (b) The name, business address, and telephone number of
 41 the greyhound owner, the trainer, and the kennel operator.

42 (c) The color, weight, and sex of the greyhound.

43 (d) The specific type and bodily location of the injury,
 44 the cause of the injury, and the estimated recovery time from
 45 the injury.

46 (e) If the injury occurred while the greyhound was racing:

47 1. The racetrack where the injury occurred;

48 2. The distance, grade, race, and post position of the
 49 greyhound when the injury occurred; and

50 3. The weather conditions, time, and track conditions when
 51 the injury occurred.

52 (f) If the injury occurred when the greyhound was not

53 racing:

54 1. The location where the injury occurred; and

55 2. The circumstances surrounding the injury.

56 (g) Other information that the division determines is
 57 necessary to identify injuries to racing greyhounds in this
 58 state.

59 (4) An injury form created pursuant to this section shall
 60 be maintained as a public record by the division for 7 years
 61 from the date it was received.

62 (5) A licensee of the department who knowingly makes a
 63 false statement concerning an injury or fails to report an
 64 injury is subject to disciplinary action under this chapter or
 65 chapters 455 and 474.

66 (6) This section does not apply to injuries to a service
 67 animal, personal pet, or greyhound that has been adopted as a
 68 pet.

69 (7) The division shall adopt rules to implement this
 70 section.

71 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.