

By Senator Sobel

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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

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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 of
34 the injury, if the injury occurred at a location other than the
35 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 the
41 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.

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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.