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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 38 - 75
and insert:
performance of its duties and responsibilities and may be
disclosed pursuant to s. 474.2165.

(3) The exemption from public records requirements under
subsection (1) applies to animal medical records held before,
on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

(4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset



11 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
12 on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
13 through reenactment by the Legislature.

14 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
15 necessity that a medical record that relates to diagnosing the
16 medical condition of an animal; prescribing, dispensing, or
17 administering drugs, medicine, appliances, applications, or
18 treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief
19 of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease of an animal; or
20 performing a manual procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment
21 for pregnancy or fertility or infertility of an animal, which is
22 held by a state college of veterinary medicine that is
23 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association
24 Council on Education, be made confidential and exempt from s.
25 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
26 State Constitution. The Legislature also finds that it is a
27 public necessity that any such medical record that is
28 transferred by a previous records owner in connection with the
29 transaction of official business by a state college of
30 veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American
31 Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education and that is
32 held by such state college be made confidential and exempt from
33 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
34 State Constitution. The Legislature also finds that it is a
35 public necessity that this exemption apply to such animal
36 medical records held by such a state college of veterinary
37 medicine before, on, or after the effective date of the
38 exemption. The Legislature finds that the release of such animal
39 medical records compromises the confidentiality protections



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40 otherwise afforded the owners of such animals treated by
41 licensed veterinarians in this state pursuant to chapter 474.
42 The Legislature finds that the owners of animals have the right
43 to the privacy of the medical records of their animals. The
44 Legislature finds that this exemption permits a state college of
45 veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary
46 Medical Association Council on Education to effectively and
47 efficiently carry out its mission to educate students in
48 veterinary medicine. Without this exemption this mission would
49 be significantly impaired.

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52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete line 9

54 and insert:

55 applicability of the exemption; providing