

HB 47

2019

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to reporting animal cruelty; amending  
3           s. 828.12, F.S.; specifying that a veterinarian who  
4           reports suspected animal cruelty to a law enforcement  
5           agency is immune from a lawsuit for such action;  
6           providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 828.12, Florida  
11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12           828.12 Cruelty to animals.—

13           (4) A veterinarian licensed to practice in the state shall  
14   be held harmless from either criminal or civil liability for any  
15   decisions made or services rendered under ~~the provisions of this~~  
16   section. Such a veterinarian is, therefore, under this  
17   subsection, immune from a lawsuit for his or her part in an  
18   investigation of cruelty to animals or for reporting suspected  
19   animal cruelty to a law enforcement agency.

20           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.