

By the Committee on Education

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a review under the Open Government
3 Sunset Review Act; amending s. 474.2167, F.S., which
4 provides an exemption from public records requirements
5 for certain animal medical records held by a state
6 college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by
7 the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on
8 Education; removing the scheduled repeal of the
9 exemption; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 474.2167, Florida Statutes, is amended
14 to read:

15 474.2167 Confidentiality of animal medical records.—

16 (1) The following records held by any state college of
17 veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American
18 Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education are
19 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
20 of the State Constitution:

21 (a) A medical record generated which relates to diagnosing
22 the medical condition of an animal; prescribing, dispensing, or
23 administering drugs, medicine, appliances, applications, or
24 treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief
25 of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease of an animal; or
26 performing a manual procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment
27 for pregnancy, fertility, or infertility of an animal; and

28 (b) A medical record described in paragraph (a) which is
29 transferred by a previous record owner in connection with the

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30 transaction of official business by a state college of
31 veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American
32 Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education.

33 (2) A record made confidential and exempt under subsection
34 (1) may be disclosed to another governmental entity in the
35 performance of its duties and responsibilities and may be
36 disclosed pursuant to s. 474.2165.

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

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41 ~~Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed~~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

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.