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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Sobel moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1296 and 1297

insert:

Section 49. Section 550.2416, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

550.2416 Reporting of racing greyhound injuries.-

(1) This section may be cited as the "Victoria Q. Gaetz
Racing Greyhound Protection Act."

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



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12 adopted by the division within 7 days after the date on which
13 the injury occurs or is believed to have occurred. The presence
14 of cocaine found in a racing greyhound's system is considered an
15 injury under this section. The division may adopt rules defining
16 the term "injury."

17 (3) The form shall be completed and signed under oath or
18 affirmation by:

19 (a) The racetrack veterinarian or director of racing, if
20 the injury occurred at the racetrack facility; or

21 (b) The owner, trainer, or kennel operator who had
22 knowledge of the injury, if the injury occurred at a location
23 other than the racetrack facility, including during
24 transportation.

25 (4) The division shall fine, suspend, or revoke the license
26 of any individual who knowingly violates this section or who
27 intentionally causes an injury to a racing greyhound.

28 (5) The form must include the following:

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

32 (b) The names, business addresses, and telephone numbers of
33 the greyhound's owner, trainer, and kennel operator.

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

35 (d) The specific type and bodily location of the injury,
36 the cause of the injury, and the estimated recovery time from
37 the injury.

38 (e) If the injury occurred when the greyhound was racing:

39 1. The racetrack where the injury occurred;

40 2. The distance, grade, race, and post position of the



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41 greyhound when the injury occurred; and

42 3. The weather conditions, time, and track conditions when
43 the injury occurred.

44 (f) If the injury occurred when the greyhound was not
45 racing:

46 1. The location where the injury occurred; and

47 2. The circumstances surrounding the injury.

48 (g) Other information that the division determines is
49 necessary to identify injuries to racing greyhounds in this
50 state.

51 (6) An injury form created pursuant to this section must be
52 maintained as a public record by the division for at least 7
53 years after the date it was received.

54 (7) A licensee of the department who knowingly makes a
55 false statement concerning an injury or fails to report an
56 injury is subject to disciplinary action under this chapter, and
57 chapters 455 and 474.

58 (8) This section does not apply to injuries to a service
59 animal, a personal pet, or a greyhound that has been adopted as
60 a pet.

61 (9) The division shall adopt rules to implement this
62 section.

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64 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Between lines 143 and 144

67 insert:

68 creating s. 550.2416, F.S.; providing a short title;
69 requiring injuries to racing greyhounds to be reported



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70 within a certain timeframe on a form adopted by the
71 Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the department;
72 requiring such form to be completed and signed under
73 oath or affirmation by certain individuals; providing
74 penalties; specifying information that must be
75 included in the form; requiring the division to
76 maintain the forms as public records for a specified
77 time; specifying disciplinary action that may be taken
78 against a licensee of the department who fails to
79 report an injury or who makes false statements on an
80 injury form; exempting injuries to certain animals
81 from reporting requirements; requiring the division to
82 adopt rules;