Florida Senate - 2006

By Senator Geller

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the racing of animals;
3	amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; requiring the
4	Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering in the
5	Department of Business and Professional
6	Regulation to maintain certain records
7	regarding injuries and the disposition of
8	greyhounds that race in this state; providing
9	guidelines and requirements for injury and
10	disposition report forms; providing for the
11	adoption of rules; providing a penalty;
12	providing an effective date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 550.2415, Florida
17	Statutes, is amended to read:
18	550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions
19	prohibited; penalties; exceptions
20	(6)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that
21	animals that participate in races in this state on which
22	pari-mutuel wagering is conducted and animals that are bred
23	and trained in this state for racing be treated humanely, both
24	on and off racetracks, throughout the lives of the animals.
25	(b) The division shall, by rule, establish the
26	procedures for euthanizing greyhounds. However, a greyhound
27	may not be put to death by any means other than by lethal
28	injection of the drug sodium pentobarbital. A greyhound may
29	not be removed from this state for the purpose of being
30	destroyed.
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(c) It is a violation of this chapter for an 1 2 occupational licensee to train a greyhound using live or dead animals. A greyhound may not be taken from this state for the 3 purpose of being trained through the use of live or dead 4 5 animals. б (d) A conviction of cruelty to animals pursuant to s. 7 828.12 involving a racing animal constitutes a violation of 8 this chapter. 9 (e) The division shall maintain accurate records and 10 statistics regarding injuries incurred by greyhounds while racing in this state. The division shall adopt rules requiring 11 12 the reporting of injuries incurred by greyhounds while racing 13 in this state, including schooling races. The reports must include: 14 1. The greyhound's registered name and right and left 15 16 ear tattoo numbers. 17 2. The name, business address, and telephone number of 18 the greyhound owner, trainer, and kennel operator. 3. The color, weight, and sex of the greyhound. 19 4. The specific type of injury, the cause of the 20 21 injury, the estimated recovery time, and the location of the 22 injury on the greyhound. 23 5. Where the injury occurred, whether on a racing 2.4 track or in another area. 25 6. If the injury occurred while the greyhound was racing, the racetrack where the injury occurred; the distance, 26 27 grade, race, and post position when the injury occurred; and 2.8 the weather conditions, time, temperature, and track condition at the time of the injury. 29 30 7. A certification by the racetrack veterinarian that the form is correct. 31

1	(f) The division shall maintain accurate records and
2	statistics regarding the disposition of greyhounds that
3	participate in racing in this state. The division shall adopt
4	rules requiring the reporting of the disposition of greyhounds
5	that race in this state, including schooling races. As used in
б	the reporting requirement, the term "disposition" means death,
7	transfer to another jurisdiction, retirement, adoption, sale,
8	or donation for medical research or another purpose. The
9	reports must include:
10	1. The greyhound's registered name and right and left
11	ear tattoo numbers; the name, business address, and telephone
12	number of the greyhound owner, trainer, and kennel operator;
13	and the name and address of the race track where the greyhound
14	last raced prior to disposition.
15	2. If the greyhound was transferred to another track,
16	the name and address of the track that received the greyhound
17	and the name, business address, telephone number, and driver's
18	license number and state of issuance of the person who
19	received the greyhound on behalf of that track.
20	3. If the greyhound was retired for breeding, the name
21	and address of the facility that received the greyhound and
22	the name, business address, telephone number, and driver's
23	license number and state of issuance of the person who
24	received the greyhound on behalf of that facility.
25	4. If the greyhound was adopted or placed for
26	adoption, the name and address of the person who received the
27	greyhound and, if applicable, the name, business address,
28	telephone number, and driver's license number and state of
29	issuance of the person who received the greyhound on behalf of
30	the adoption facility.
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15. If the greyhound was euthanized, the name, address, professional title, professional affiliation of the person performing the euthanasia, method of euthanasia, and reason the greyhound was euthanized rather than adopted.56. If the greyhound was sold or donated, the name of the person to whom the greyhound was sold or donated and, if donated, the name, business address, telephone number, and driver's license number and state of issuance of the person who received the greyhound on behalf of the donee.07. If the disposition of the greyhound does not fit into any of the categories specified in subparagraphs l6., the name of the person to whom the greyhound was transferred and the name, business address, telephone number, and driver's license number and state of issuance of the person who received the greyhound.168. Certification by the owner, trainer, and kennel operator that the disposition forms are correct.17operator form on a second or subseguent occasion commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.29303131		
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