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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Bean) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 474.2167, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

474.2167 Confidentiality of animal medical records.-

(1) The following records held by any state college of  
veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American  
Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education are



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11 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I  
12 of the State Constitution:

13 (a) A medical record generated which relates to diagnosing  
14 the medical condition of an animal; prescribing, dispensing, or  
15 administering drugs, medicine, appliances, applications, or  
16 treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief  
17 of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease of an animal; or  
18 performing a manual procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment  
19 for pregnancy, fertility, or infertility of an animal; and

20 (b) A medical record described in paragraph (a) which is  
21 transferred by a previous record owner in connection with the  
22 transaction of official business by a state college of  
23 veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American  
24 Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education.

25 (2) A record made confidential and exempt under subsection  
26 (1) may be disclosed to another governmental entity in the  
27 performance of its duties and responsibilities.

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

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32 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed  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

35 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
36 necessity that a medical record generated which relates to  
37 diagnosing the medical condition of an animal; prescribing,  
38 dispensing, or administering drugs, medicine, appliances,  
39 applications, or treatment of whatever nature for the



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40 prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury,  
41 or disease of an animal; or performing a manual procedure for  
42 the diagnosis of or treatment for pregnancy or fertility or  
43 infertility of an animal, which is held by a state college of  
44 veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American  
45 Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education, be made  
46 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and  
47 s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature  
48 also finds that it is a public necessity that any such medical  
49 record that is transferred by a previous records owner in  
50 connection with the transaction of official business by a state  
51 college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the  
52 American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education and  
53 that is held by such state college be made confidential and  
54 exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),  
55 Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature also finds  
56 that it is a public necessity that this exemption apply to such  
57 animal medical records held by such a state college of  
58 veterinary medicine before, on, or after the effective date of  
59 the exemption. The Legislature finds that the release of such  
60 animal medical records will compromise the confidentiality  
61 protections otherwise afforded to animals and the owners or  
62 agents of such animals treated by licensed veterinarians. The  
63 Legislature finds that owners or agents of animals have the  
64 right to the privacy of the medical records of their animals.  
65 The Legislature finds that the privacy concerns that result from  
66 the release of animal medical records outweigh any public  
67 benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the  
68 information.



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69           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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72 And the title is amended as follows:

73           Delete everything before the enacting clause  
74 and insert:

75                           A bill to be entitled  
76           An act relating to public records; creating s.  
77           474.2167, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
78           records requirements for certain animal medical  
79           records held by a state college of veterinary medicine  
80           that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical  
81           Association Council on Education; authorizing  
82           disclosure under certain circumstances; providing for  
83           retroactive applicability of the exemption; providing  
84           for future legislative review and repeal of the  
85           exemption; providing a statement of public necessity;  
86           providing an effective date.