

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to racing animals; providing a short  
3           title; amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; providing that a  
4           positive test result for anabolic steroids in a  
5           greyhound results in a violation; providing  
6           exceptions; requiring the Division of Pari-mutuel  
7           Wagering to adopt rules implementing and enforcing  
8           safety, health, and welfare requirements for racing  
9           greyhounds; preempting the regulation of racing  
10          greyhounds to the state; providing an effective date.

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

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14          Section 1. This act shall be known as the "Greyhound  
15 Safety Act".

16          Section 2. Subsections (12) and (13) of section 550.2415,  
17   Florida Statutes, are renumbered as (15) and (16), respectively,  
18   paragraph (a) of subsection (1) is amended, paragraph (d) is  
19   added to that subsection, and new subsections (12), (13), and  
20   (14) are added to that section, to read:

21          550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions  
22   prohibited; penalties; exceptions.—

23          (1) (a) The racing of an animal that has been impermissibly  
24   medicated or determined to have a prohibited substance present  
25   is prohibited. It is a violation of this section for a person to

26 | impermissibly medicate an animal or for an animal to have a  
27 | prohibited substance present resulting in a positive test for  
28 | such medications or substances based on samples taken from the  
29 | animal ~~before or~~ immediately after the racing of that animal.  
30 | Test results and the identities of the animals being tested and  
31 | of their trainers and owners of record are confidential and  
32 | exempt from s. 119.07(1) and from s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
33 | Constitution for 10 days after testing of all samples collected  
34 | on a particular day has been completed and any positive test  
35 | results derived from such samples have been reported to the  
36 | director of the division or administrative action has been  
37 | commenced.

38 | (d) It is a violation of this section for a racing  
39 | greyhound to have anabolic steroids present resulting in a  
40 | positive test for such steroids based on samples taken from the  
41 | greyhound immediately after the racing of that greyhound unless  
42 | such steroids are used for birth control for the greyhound or  
43 | the steroids are otherwise prescribed by a licensed veterinarian  
44 | who is not employed by a greyhound race track.

45 | (12) (a) A greyhound racetrack must be maintained in a  
46 | manner that provides safety for racing greyhounds. A greyhound  
47 | racetrack must:

48 | 1. Maintain at all times a safe track surface that meets  
49 | standards developed by the division.

50 | 2. Install a safety device to remove the lure from the

51   racing surface.

52       3. Insulate all exposed electrical wires on the track and  
53 facility where greyhounds are able to come into contact with the  
54 wires.

55       (b) The division shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
56 and enforce the safety requirements of this section.

57       (13) Racing greyhounds shall be fed a high protein diet  
58 using the same quality of meat found in commercial pet foods.  
59 The meat may be mixed with top quality dry dog food and  
60 supplemented with vitamins, minerals, and nutritional  
61 enhancements to maintain the health, welfare, and fitness of the  
62 racing greyhounds.

63       (14) The regulation of the welfare of racing greyhounds is  
64 preempted to the state. The court shall declare any ordinance or  
65 rule adopted in violation of this section by a county,  
66 municipality, or other local governmental entity invalid and  
67 shall issue a permanent injunction that prohibits the county,  
68 municipality, or other local governmental entity from enforcing  
69 such ordinance or rule.

70 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.