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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Comm: RCS	.	
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The Committee on Judiciary (Pizzo) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 28 - 77  
and insert:

(2) A treatment provider or an employee or volunteer of a treatment provider who in the normal course of care of a dog or cat knows or has reason to suspect animal cruelty as prohibited in s. 828.12(1) shall be held harmless from either criminal or civil liability for any decisions made in good faith to report suspected cruelty to a local law enforcement agency or animal control agency or to cooperate with any related investigation of



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12 cruelty to animals.

13 (3) An employee or volunteer of a treatment provider who  
14 knowingly alters or destroys an existing medical record for the  
15 purpose of concealing or attempting to conceal cruelty to a dog  
16 or cat commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
17 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

20 And the title is amended as follows:

21 Delete lines 4 - 15

22 and insert:

23 "treatment provider"; providing immunity from criminal  
24 and civil liability for certain persons and entities  
25 who report animal cruelty; prohibiting the alteration  
26 or destruction of certain records; providing criminal  
27 penalties; providing an effective date.