A bill to be entitled
An act relating to animal cruelty; providing a short
title; creating s. 828.124, F.S.; defining the term
“treatment provider”; providing immunity from criminal
and civil liability for certain persons and entities
who report animal cruelty; prohibiting the alteration
or destruction of certain records; providing criminal
penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as “Allie’s Law.”

Section 2. Section 828.124, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

828.124 Reporting animal cruelty; medical records.—
(1) As used in this section, the term “treatment provider”
includes any animal care facility, animal hospital, private
veterinary practice, animal shelter, veterinary school,
specialized veterinary hospital or any place dogs or cats are
seen for any kind of treatment.

(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
cruelty to animals.

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

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.