

REFERENCE TITLE: veterinarians; animal abuse reporting

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Senator Paton

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-2239, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
VETERINARIANS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2239, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-2239. Duty of veterinarian to report suspected cruelty,
5 neglect, abuse or animal fighting; immunity

6 ~~A. A veterinarian shall report in writing concerning any dog fighting~~
7 ~~or animal abuse to a local law enforcement agency in the county where the~~
8 ~~veterinarian is practicing within thirty days of any examination or treatment~~
9 ~~administered to any dog or any animal which the veterinarian reasonably~~
10 ~~suspects and believes has participated in an organized dog fight or any~~
11 ~~animal which the veterinarian reasonably suspects and believes has been~~
12 ~~abused. The report shall contain the breed and description of the dog or any~~
13 ~~animal together with the name and address of the owner.~~

14 A. A VETERINARIAN WHO REASONABLY SUSPECTS OR BELIEVES THAT AN ANIMAL
15 HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF CRUELTY OR NEGLECT OR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ANIMAL
16 FIGHTING SHALL IMMEDIATELY REPORT OR CAUSE A REPORT TO BE MADE TO LOCAL LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE BREED AND DESCRIPTION OF THE
18 ANIMAL TOGETHER WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER OR PERSON WHO SOUGHT
19 THE EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT. ON REQUEST, IN FURTHERANCE OF ANY CRIMINAL
20 INVESTIGATION FOR CRUELTY, NEGLECT OR ANIMAL FIGHTING, A VETERINARIAN SHALL
21 PROVIDE VETERINARY RECORDS TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

22 B. A veterinarian shall report, in writing, suspected cases of abuse
23 of livestock to the associate director of the division of animal services in
24 the Arizona department of agriculture pursuant to title 3, chapter 11,
25 article 1. The report shall be made within thirty days of treatment or
26 examination and shall include the breed and description of the animal
27 together with the name and address of the owner.

28 C. A veterinarian who ~~files a report as provided in~~ ACTS IN COMPLIANCE
29 WITH this section shall be immune from civil liability AND DISCIPLINE BY THE
30 BOARD with respect to any report made in good faith.