



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 415

LCO No. 2572



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING VETERINARY REPORTING OF DOGS USED
IN ANIMAL FIGHTING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) (a) Any veterinarian
2 licensed pursuant to chapter 384 of the general statutes who has
3 reasonable cause to believe that a dog was injured or killed because of
4 participation in an exhibition of animal fighting, as described in section
5 53-247 of the general statutes, shall promptly report such belief to the
6 local law enforcement authority of the municipality where such
7 veterinarian thinks such exhibition occurred.
- 8 (b) Any veterinarian who makes a report pursuant to subsection (a)
9 of this section shall not be subject to civil liability as a result of making
10 such report.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require veterinarians to report to local law enforcement agencies when they treat dogs that they believe have been used in animal fighting.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]