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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
 ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
 ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)
 FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
 WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
 OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
 2 Representative Renuart offered the following:

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5 Remove lines 39-71 and insert:

6 its duties and responsibilities and may be disclosed pursuant to
 7 s. 474.2165.

8 (3) The exemption from public records requirements under
 9 subsection (1) applies to animal medical records held before,
 10 on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

11 (4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
 12 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
 13 on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
 14 through reenactment by the Legislature.

15 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
 16 necessity that a medical record that relates to diagnosing the
 17 medical condition of an animal; prescribing, dispensing, or

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18 administering drugs, medicine, appliances, applications, or
19 treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief
20 of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease of an animal; or
21 performing a manual procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment
22 for pregnancy or fertility or infertility of an animal, which is
23 held by a state college of veterinary medicine that is
24 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association
25 Council on Education, be made confidential and exempt from s.
26 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
27 State Constitution. The Legislature also finds that it is a
28 public necessity that any such medical record that is
29 transferred by a previous records owner in connection with the
30 transaction of official business by a state college of
31 veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American
32 Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education and that is
33 held by such state college be made confidential and exempt from
34 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
35 State Constitution. The Legislature also finds that it is a
36 public necessity that this exemption apply to such animal
37 medical records held by such a state college of veterinary
38 medicine before, on, or after the effective date of the
39 exemption. The Legislature finds that the release of such animal
40 medical records compromises the confidentiality protections
41 otherwise afforded the owners of such animals treated by
42 licensed veterinarians in this state pursuant to chapter 474,
43 Florida Statutes. The Legislature finds that the owners of

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44 animals have the right to the privacy of the medical records of
45 their animals. The Legislature finds that this exemption permits
46 a state college of veterinary medicine accredited by the
47 American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education to
48 effectively and efficiently carry out its mission to educate
49 students in veterinary medicine. Without this exemption this
50 mission would be significantly impaired. The Legislature further