

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOUGHTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 267, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to agricultural data collection.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 267, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 267.169, to read as follows:

267.169. 1. **No premises registration data, animal identification data,  
2 environmental data, or animal tracking data collected by any state agency from  
3 participants under the federal Animal Disease Traceability Program, nor any data  
4 collected for the purpose of animal health or environmental protection shall be subject to  
5 disclosure under the Missouri sunshine law in chapter 610, except that the director of any  
6 state agency or the state veterinarian within the department of agriculture shall release  
7 information otherwise closed to the extent that the information is useful in controlling or  
8 preventing a disease outbreak, for public safety purposes, or to show particular animals  
9 or herds are not involved in a disease outbreak, as is deemed required under the  
10 circumstances. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the release of  
11 proprietary information.**

12 2. **Any unauthorized release of information under subsection 1 of this section with  
13 regard to a particular entity or person regardless of the type or quantity of information  
14 released shall be a violation of this section. Any entity or person alleging a violation of this  
15 section may bring a civil action against a state agency in a court of competent jurisdiction.  
16 A court may order any appropriate relief including damages in an amount not to exceed**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **ten thousand dollars, payment of reasonable attorney's fees, costs, expenses, and any**  
18 **injunctive relief the court deems necessary and proper.**

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