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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING CROSS-REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND ANIMAL CRUELTY.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the 2010 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any
5 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any
6 resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not
7 so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical
8 examiner, dentist, dental hygienist, psychologist, coach of intramural
9 or interscholastic athletics, school superintendent, school teacher,
10 school principal, school guidance counselor, school paraprofessional,
11 school coach, social worker, police officer, juvenile or adult probation
12 officer, juvenile or adult parole officer, animal control officer
13 appointed under section 22-328, municipal animal control officer
14 appointed under section 22-331, member of the clergy, pharmacist,
15 physical therapist, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, mental health
16 professional or physician assistant, any person who is a licensed or

17 certified emergency medical services provider, any person who is a
18 licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor, any person who is a
19 licensed marital and family therapist, any person who is a sexual
20 assault counselor or a battered women's counselor as defined in
21 section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed professional counselor,
22 any person who is a licensed foster parent, any person paid to care for
23 a child in any public or private facility, child day care center, group
24 day care home or family day care home licensed by the state, any
25 employee of the Department of Children and Families, any employee
26 of the Department of Public Health who is responsible for the licensing
27 of child day care centers, group day care homes, family day care
28 homes or youth camps, the Child Advocate and any employee of the
29 Office of the Child Advocate.

30 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) Any employee of the
31 Department of Children and Families who has reasonable cause to
32 suspect or believe that an animal observed in the course of
33 employment is in harm or neglected or cruelly treated in violation of
34 section 22-366, 22-415, 53-247, 53-248, 53-249, 53-249a, 53-250, 53-251 or
35 53-252 of the general statutes shall make a written or oral report to the
36 Commissioner of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of
37 subsection (b) of this section. A report shall not be required if the
38 employee determines that making such report would interfere with the
39 performance of the duties of the employee under chapter 319a of the
40 general statutes.

41 (b) An oral report shall be made by the employee as soon as
42 practicable but not later than twelve hours after such employee has
43 reasonable cause to suspect or believe that an animal has been harmed,
44 neglected or cruelly treated, by telephone or in person to the
45 Commissioner of Agriculture. Not later than forty-eight hours after
46 making an oral report, the employee shall submit a written report to
47 the Commissioner of Agriculture. All oral and written reports required
48 under this section shall contain, if known: (1) The names and addresses
49 of the animal and his owner or other person responsible for care of the

50 animal; (2) a description of the animal; (3) the nature and extent of the
51 harm, neglect or cruelty to the animal; (4) the approximate date and
52 time of the harm, neglect or cruelty; (5) information concerning any
53 previous harm, neglect or cruelty; (6) the circumstances in which the
54 harm, neglect or cruelty came to be known to the employee; and (7) the
55 name of the person or persons suspected to be responsible for causing
56 such harm, neglect or cruelty.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	17a-101(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require cross-reporting of child abuse and animal cruelty.

[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.]