



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 53

LCO No. 865



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

***AN ACT REQUIRING VETERINARIANS TO REPORT CASES OF
SUSPECTED AGGRAVATED ANIMAL CRUELTY AND AUTHORIZING
THE REPORTING OF SUSPECTED ANIMAL CRUELTY.***

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require veterinarians acting
- 2 in their professional capacity who have reasonable cause to believe that
- 3 an animal is subject to aggravated cruelty to report such violation to the
- 4 Commissioner of Agriculture and authorize any such veterinarian to
- 5 report to the commissioner incidents of suspected cruelty or neglect of
- 6 any such animal. Furthermore, to provide any such veterinarian with
- 7 civil and criminal immunity for making any such report to the
- 8 commissioner.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect the health of animals and afford protection to veterinarians who report cases of suspected aggravated cruelty and neglect to the state.