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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices Policy  
02/15/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to civil actions; providing immunity for animal cruelty reporting; proposing  
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604A.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[604A.41] ANIMAL CRUELTY REPORTING.**

1.6 A licensed veterinarian, or a person under the direction of a licensed veterinarian, acting  
1.7 in good faith is immune from civil liability for reporting to peace officers, humane agents,  
1.8 or animal control officers known or suspected inhumane treatment of animals, including  
1.9 but not limited to neglect, cruelty, or abuse as defined in section 343.20 or 346.36.