

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to racing greyhound injuries; creating
 3 s. 550.2416, F.S.; requiring injuries to racing
 4 greyhounds to be reported in the format prescribed by
 5 the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department
 6 of Business and Professional Regulation within a
 7 certain timeframe; specifying information that must be
 8 included in the injury report; requiring the division
 9 to maintain the reports as public records for a
 10 specified time; specifying disciplinary action that
 11 may be taken against a licensee of the department who
 12 fails to report an injury or who makes false
 13 statements on an injury report; exempting injuries to
 14 certain animals from reporting requirements; requiring
 15 the division to adopt rules; providing an effective
 16 date.

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 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 20 Section 1. Section 550.2416, Florida Statutes, is created
 21 to read:

22 550.2416 Reporting of racing greyhound injuries.-
 23 (1) An injury to a racing greyhound which occurs while the
 24 greyhound is located in this state must be reported in the
 25 format prescribed by the division within 7 days after the date
 26 on which the injury occurred or is believed to have occurred.

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

27 | The division may adopt rules defining the term "injury."
 28 | (2) The injury report shall be completed and signed under
 29 | oath or affirmation by the:
 30 | (a) Racetrack veterinarian or director of racing, if the
 31 | injury occurred at the racetrack facility; or
 32 | (b) Owner, trainer, or kennel operator who had knowledge
 33 | of the injury, if the injury occurred at a location other than
 34 | the racetrack facility, including during transportation.
 35 | (3) The division may fine, suspend, or revoke the license
 36 | of any individual who knowingly violates this section.
 37 | (4) The injury report must include the following:
 38 | (a) The greyhound's registered name, right-ear and left-
 39 | ear tattoo numbers, and, if any, the microchip manufacturer and
 40 | number.
 41 | (b) The name, business address, and telephone number of
 42 | the greyhound owner, the trainer, and the kennel operator.
 43 | (c) The color, weight, and sex of the greyhound.
 44 | (d) The specific type and bodily location of the injury,
 45 | the cause of the injury, and the estimated recovery time from
 46 | the injury.
 47 | (e) If the injury occurred when the greyhound was racing:
 48 | 1. The racetrack where the injury occurred;
 49 | 2. The distance, grade, race, and post position of the
 50 | greyhound when the injury occurred; and
 51 | 3. The weather conditions, time, and track conditions when
 52 | the injury occurred.

53 (f) If the injury occurred when the greyhound was not
 54 racing:

- 55 1. The location where the injury occurred; and
 56 2. The circumstances surrounding the injury.

57 (g) Other information that the division determines is
 58 necessary to identify injuries to racing greyhounds in this
 59 state.

60 (5) An injury report submitted to the division pursuant to
 61 this section shall be maintained as a public record by the
 62 division for at least 7 years after the date it is received.

63 (6) A licensee of the department who knowingly makes a
 64 false statement concerning an injury or fails to report an
 65 injury is subject to disciplinary action under this chapter or
 66 chapters 455 and 474.

67 (7) This section does not apply to injuries to a service
 68 animal, personal pet, or greyhound that has been adopted as a
 69 pet.

70 (8) The division shall adopt rules to implement this
 71 section.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.