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House Bill No. 7075

An act relating to review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 474.2167, F.S., which provides a public record exemption for animal medical records held by any state college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 474.2167, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.2167 Confidentiality of animal medical records.—

(1) The following records held by any state college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

(a) A medical record generated which relates to diagnosing the medical condition of an animal; prescribing, dispensing, or administering drugs, medicine, appliances, applications, or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease of an animal; or performing a manual procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment for pregnancy, fertility, or infertility of an animal; and

(b) A medical record described in paragraph (a) which is transferred by a previous record owner in connection with the transaction of official business by a state college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education.

(2) A record made confidential and exempt under subsection (1) may be disclosed to another governmental entity in the performance of its duties and responsibilities and may be disclosed pursuant to s. 474.2165.

(3) The exemption from public records requirements under subsection (1) applies to animal medical records held before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

~~(4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Approved by the Governor September 4, 2020.

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