

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Judiciary.

HB24-1074 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 11, after "(1.5)," insert "(1.8),".

2 Page 3, after line 8 insert:

3 "(1.8) (a) A peace officer having authority to act ~~under~~ PURSUANT
4 TO this section may take possession of and impound an animal that the
5 peace officer has probable cause to believe is a victim of a violation of
6 subsection (1) or (1.5) of this section or is a victim of a violation of
7 section 18-9-204 and as a result of the violation is endangered if it
8 remains with the owner or custodian. If, in the opinion of a licensed
9 veterinarian, an animal impounded pursuant to this subsection (1.8) is
10 experiencing extreme pain or suffering, or is severely injured past
11 recovery, severely disabled past recovery, or severely diseased past
12 recovery, the animal may be euthanized without a court order.

13 (b) (I) A LICENSED VETERINARIAN IS IMMUNE FROM CRIMINAL
14 LIABILITY AND IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION
15 (1.5)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION IF:

16 (A) THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN PROVIDES VETERINARY
17 TREATMENT FOR AN INJURED LAW ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL; OR

18 (B) THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN EUTHANIZES THE LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL AFTER DETERMINING THAT THE LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL, DUE TO A CRITICAL INJURY, IS EXPERIENCING
21 EXTREME PAIN OR SUFFERING, OR IS SEVERELY INJURED PAST RECOVERY,
22 SEVERELY DISABLED PAST RECOVERY, OR SEVERELY DISEASED PAST
23 RECOVERY.

24 (II) A PERSON WHO OWNS OR WHO IS CHARGED WITH THE CARE OF
25 A LAW ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL IS IMMUNE FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND
26 IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION (1.5)(b)(II) OF THIS
27 SECTION IF SUCH PERSON IS ABLE TO REASONABLY DETERMINE THAT THE
28 LAW ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL, DUE TO A CRITICAL INJURY, IS EXPERIENCING
29 EXTREME PAIN OR SUFFERING, OR IS SEVERELY INJURED PAST RECOVERY.".

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