General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 5904

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO PET OWNERS DURING AND FOLLOWING AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED WRONGDOING BY A VETERINARIAN TOWARD SUCH PET.

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

Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 20-204a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the investigation shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure under section 1-210 and no person may disclose knowledge of the investigation to a third party unless the veterinarian requests that the investigation be open, except that the department shall provide information **[**to the**]** both during and after any such investigation to: (1) The person who filed the complaint pursuant to subdivision (12) of subsection (a) of section 19a-14, and (2) the owner of any animal that is the subject of any such investigation.

(c) If the department makes a finding of no probable cause to take action under section 20-202 or fails to make a finding within the twelve-

month period required by subsection (a) of this section, the allegation submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and the entire record of the investigation may remain confidential and no person shall disclose knowledge of such investigation to a third party unless the veterinarian requests that it be open, except that the department shall provide information **[**to the**]** both during and after any such investigation to: (1) The person who filed the complaint pursuant to subdivision (12) of subsection (a) of section 19a-14, and (2) the owner of any animal that is the subject of any such investigation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	20-204a(b) and (c)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide information to pet owners from the Department of Public Health during and following an agency investigation into allegations of wrongdoing by a veterinarian toward such pet.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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