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BILL SUMMARY

Veterinarian Liability HF 2374

Status of Bill: House Calendar

Committee: State Government (22-0)

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Background

This legislation makes changes to the “Iowa Veterinary Practice Act”

Summary

The bill updates the law to allow a licensed veterinarian to be immune from administrative, civil, or criminal liability that normally be placed when doing any of the following:

- Working with a peace officer who is investigating animal mistreatment, bestiality, or an animal event. A animal event can be a bullfight, dog fighting, cock fighting, or bear fighting.
- Working with local law authority or law enforcement to rescue a threatened animal.
- Complying with a court order or partaking in a dispositional proceeding.
- Providing evidence in an administrative, civil, or criminal case that if found guilty would leave to a violation of the animal mistreatment, animal event, or bestiality chapter.

The new changes do not apply to livestock in regards to animal mistreatment. The new changes do not also apply to game, fur bearing animals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians, unless they are owned and controlled by a person.

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