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By Representatives Haigh, Nealey, Jenkins, Rodne, Shea, Ryu, Morrell,
and Tharinger

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterinarian immunity from liability when
2 reporting suspected animal cruelty; and adding a new section to chapter
3 16.52 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 16.52 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A veterinarian lawfully licensed in this state to practice
8 veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry who reports, in good faith
9 and in the normal course of business, a suspected incident of animal
10 cruelty that is punishable under this chapter to the proper authorities
11 is immune from liability in any civil or criminal action brought
12 against such veterinarian for reporting the suspected incident.

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