

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5102

Chapter 245, Laws of 2013

63rd Legislature
2013 Regular Session

VETERINARIANS--ANIMAL CRUELTY--LIABILITY IMMUNITY

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Passed by the Senate April 23, 2013
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 9, 2013
YEAS 93 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved May 15, 2013, 1:38 p.m.

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5102** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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May 16, 2013

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Pearson, Darneille, Padden, Kohl-Welles, and Conway

Read first time 01/18/13. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice .

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. The
13 immunity provided in this section applies only if the veterinarian
14 receives no financial benefit from the suspected incident of animal
15 cruelty beyond charges for services rendered prior to the veterinarian
16 making the initial report.

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