



2015 SENATE BILL 727

February 11, 2016 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, RINGHAND and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, MILROY, C. TAYLOR, SUBECK, SARGENT, OHNSTAD, GOYKE, SINICKI and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 173.12 (title) and 173.12 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 reporting the mistreatment of animals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a veterinarian to report to a humane officer or law enforcement officer when the veterinarian has reason to believe that an animal has been in a fight in violation of the law relating to animal fighting.

This bill expands the reporting requirement so that it applies to mistreatment of an animal in violation of any of the laws relating to crimes against animals. Under the bill, a veterinarian who makes a report of animal mistreatment in good faith is immune from civil liability for making the report.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 173.12 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **173.12** (title) **Animal Reporting animal mistreatment; animal fighting;**
5 **seizure.**

6 **SECTION 2.** 173.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

