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SB 223 – Version A Sectional Analysis CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANIMAL RECORDS

"An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain state records relating to animals; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1. AS 03.05 is amended by adding a new section AS 03.05.084 Confidentiality of certain information; exceptions

- a. Notwithstanding 03.05.010(a)(2), records related to an animal shall be maintained by Department of Environmental Conservation is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Alaska Public Records Act if the record
 - 1. Identifies an individual animal, breed of animal, business, or animal owner;
 - 2. Contains record of test results or samples for an individual animal; or
 - 3. Contains trade secrets or proprietary business or financial information
- b. Notwithstanding (a.), the Department of Environmental Conservation may disclose information to other governments or government agencies *if* the department determines there is a health or safety threat to animals or the public and disclosure of information is necessary to address the threat
- c. If the Department of Environmental Conservation discloses information under (b.), the department shall then, upon request, disclose that information to the public as long as it does not identify a person or animal

Section 2. Adds a new section to read: TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Environmental Conservation may adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law implemented by the regulation.

Section 3. Section 2 takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)

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