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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. Establishes that records that related to an animal maintained by Department of Environmental Conservation is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Alaska Public Records Act if the record
 1. Identifies a particular animal, breed of animal, business, or individual; or
 2. Contains record of test results or samples for a particular animal; or
 3. Contains trade secrets or proprietary business or financial information
- b. Notwithstanding (a.), the Department of Environmental Conservation may disclose information to a state, federal, or local governments, or government agencies, or regional health corporation *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. Notwithstanding (a.), the Department of Environmental Conservation shall, upon request, publicly discloses records subject to AS 03.05.084 in a manner that prevents the identification of a particular animal, individual, or business.

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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