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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 347( )**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES RAUSCHER, Tarr, Cronk, Schrage**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**\* Section 1.** AS 03.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 03.05.084. Confidentiality of certain information; exceptions.** (a) A record that includes information about an animal that is maintained by the Department of Environmental Conservation to carry out the requirements of this chapter, including a record of the sale, movement, unique identification number, or owner of an animal, is confidential and not subject to disclosure under AS 40.25.100 - 40.25.295 (Alaska Public Records Act) if the record

(1) identifies a particular animal, breed of animal, business, or individual;

(2) contains test results, or a record of test samples, for a particular animal; or

1 (3) contains trade secrets or proprietary business or financial  
2 information.

3 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the Department of Environmental  
4 Conservation may disclose information from a record subject to this section to a state,  
5 federal, or local government or government agency or a regional health corporation if  
6 the department determines that a threat to the health or safety of an animal or to the  
7 public exists and that disclosure of the information is necessary to address the threat.

8 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the Department of Environmental  
9 Conservation shall, upon request, publicly disclose records subject to this section in a  
10 manner that prevents identification of a particular animal, individual, or business.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Environmental Conservation  
14 may adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. The regulations take effect under  
15 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law  
16 implemented by the regulation.

17 \* **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).