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SB 223 – Version A to Version B

Explanation of Changes

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 03.05.084 Confidentiality of certain information; exceptions

1. Removes notwithstanding AS 03.05.010(a)(2) reference regarding duties of commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources requirement to procure and preserve all information pertaining to developing the agricultural industry in the state and disseminate that information to the public.
2. Adds regional health corporations to other agencies that the Department of Environmental Conservation may disclose information to *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.
3. Clarifies that notwithstanding the confidentiality of certain information established in AS 03.05.084 (a), the Department of Environmental Conservation shall, publicly discloses "records" rather than "information."
4. Removes clause that if the Department of Environmental Conservation discloses information under AS 03.05.084 (b), the Department of Natural Resources shall disclose the information to the public due to redundancy in both departments disclosing information.
5. Adds business in regard to prevention of publicly disclosed records identifying a particular animal, individual or business.

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