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SENATE BILL NO. 330

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to civil liability for veterinary care; and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 09.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 09.65.097. CIVIL LIABILITY FOR EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE.

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(a) A veterinarian licensed in this or another licensing jurisdiction, or a person working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, who renders emergency care to an injured or ill animal that reasonably appears to the veterinarian or supervised person to be in immediate need of emergency aid in order to avoid serious harm or death is not liable for civil damages as a result of an act or omission in rendering emergency aid.

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(b) This section does not apply to service rendered at the request of an owner of the animal and does not preclude liability for civil damages as a result of gross negligence or reckless or intentional misconduct.

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* Sec. 2. Section 1 of this Act applies to all causes of action for damages which have not been filed in a court of this state before the effective date of this Act.

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* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1986.