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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 330 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL

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

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

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

10 Sec. 09.65.097. CIVIL LIABILITY FOR EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE.

11 (a) A veterinarian licensed in this or another licensing jurisdic-
12 tion, or a person working under the direct supervision of a licensed
13 veterinarian, who renders emergency care to an injured or ill animal
14 that reasonably appears to the veterinarian or supervised person to be
15 in immediate need of emergency aid in order to avoid serious harm or
16 death is not liable for civil damages as a result of an act or omis-
17 sion in rendering emergency aid.

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

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

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