

SB 5102 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Judiciary

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 16.52 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 A veterinarian lawfully licensed in this state to practice  
6 veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry who reports, in good faith  
7 and in the normal course of business, a suspected incident of animal  
8 cruelty that is punishable under this chapter to the proper authorities  
9 is immune from liability in any civil or criminal action brought  
10 against such veterinarian for reporting the suspected incident. The  
11 immunity provided in this section applies only if the veterinarian  
12 receives no financial benefit from the suspected incident of animal  
13 cruelty beyond charges for services rendered prior to the veterinarian  
14 making the initial report."

15 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Provides that the immunity does not apply if the  
veterinarian benefits financially from the suspected animal cruelty,  
aside from payment for services provided prior to reporting.

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