

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in cruelty to animals, providing for  
3 civil and criminal immunity.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5511(q) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions and the  
8 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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11 (p.1) Immunity.--A licensed doctor of veterinary medicine,  
12 certified veterinary technician or veterinary assistant who  
13 reports, in good faith and in the normal course of business, a  
14 suspected incident of animal cruelty to the proper authority  
15 shall be immune from liability in a civil or criminal action  
16 brought against the licensed doctor of veterinary medicine,  
17 certified veterinary technician or veterinary assistant for  
18 reporting the incident.