

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and  
3 related offenses, providing for 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.

1 (q) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
3 subsection:

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5 "Certified veterinary technician." As defined in section  
6 3(13) of the act of December 27, 1974 (P.L.995, No.326), known  
7 as the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

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9 "Licensed doctor of veterinary medicine." As defined in  
10 section 3(8) of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

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12 "Veterinary assistant." As defined in section 3(14) of the  
13 Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

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15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.