
SENATE BILL NO. 5—SENATOR RAWSON (BY REQUEST)

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Requires veterinarian to report suspected torture of or cruelty to animal.
(BDR 50-4)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to animals; requiring a veterinarian who knows or has reason to know that an animal has been tortured or subjected to cruelty to report that fact to a peace officer or officer of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND
ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 574 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. A veterinarian who, in his professional capacity, knows or has reason***
4 ***to know that an animal has been tortured or subjected to cruelty shall report***
5 ***that fact to a peace officer or officer of a society for the prevention of***
6 ***cruelty to animals who is authorized to make arrests pursuant to NRS***
7 ***574.040. The report must be submitted not later than 24 hours after the***
8 ***veterinarian knows or has reason to know of the torture of or cruelty to the***
9 ***animal.***
10 ***2. A veterinarian who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a***
11 ***misdemeanor.***
12 ***3. As used in this section, “veterinarian” has the meaning ascribed to it***
13 ***in NRS 574.330.***
14 **Sec. 2.** NRS 574.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
15 574.050 As used in NRS 574.050 to 574.200, inclusive ~~{-}~~, ***and section 1***
16 ***of this act:***
17 1. “Animal” does not include the human race, but includes every other
18 living creature.

- 1 2. “Torture” or “cruelty” includes every act, omission or neglect, whereby
- 2 unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted.

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