

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 242—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

MARCH 5, 2009

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the confidentiality of a
report of trichomonosis in cattle. (BDR 50-1005)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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 diseased animals; providing that a report of
trichomonosis in cattle submitted to the State Quarantine
Officer is not confidential under certain circumstances;
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires owners or agents in charge of infected animals, inspectors
2 of the State Department of Agriculture and practicing veterinarians to notify the
3 State Quarantine Officer immediately if any of those persons has knowledge of any
4 animal infected with any infectious, contagious or parasitic disease, but requires the
5 notification of disease to be kept confidential except in certain circumstances. (NRS
6 571.160) This bill expands the exceptions to the confidentiality requirement to
7 include instances in which the reported disease is trichomonosis in cattle.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 571.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 571.160 If any animal becomes infected with any infectious,
3 contagious or parasitic disease as defined by rules and regulations
4 adopted by the State Quarantine Officer, the owner or agent in
5 charge of the infected animal, or any inspector of the Department or
6 any practicing veterinarian who has knowledge of the infected
7 animal, shall immediately notify the State Quarantine Officer.
8 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, a notification of



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- 1 disease received pursuant to this section must be kept confidential
2 unless:
3 1. The reported disease is ~~specifically~~ :
4 (a) *Specifically* regulated pursuant to NRS 571.130 for
5 mandatory control and eradication to protect the public health, other
6 animals or wildlife; or
7 (b) *Trichomonosis in cattle; or*
8 2. The State Quarantine Officer determines that a public health
9 emergency exists.
10 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

