

Assembly Bill No. 242—Committee on Natural
Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

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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:

Existing law requires owners or agents in charge of infected animals, inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture and practicing veterinarians to notify the State Quarantine Officer immediately if any of those persons has knowledge of any animal infected with any infectious, contagious or parasitic disease, but requires the notification of disease to be kept confidential except in certain circumstances. (NRS 571.160) This bill expands the exceptions to the confidentiality requirement to 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:

Section 1. NRS 571.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

571.160 If any animal becomes infected with any infectious, contagious or parasitic disease as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the State Quarantine Officer, the owner or agent in charge of the infected animal, or any inspector of the Department or any practicing veterinarian who has knowledge of the infected animal, shall immediately notify the State Quarantine Officer. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, a notification of disease received pursuant to this section must be kept confidential unless:

1. The reported disease is ~~specifically~~ :
 - (a) *Specifically* regulated pursuant to NRS 571.130 for mandatory control and eradication to protect the public health, other animals or wildlife; or
 - (b) *Trichomonosis in cattle; or*
2. The State Quarantine Officer determines that a public health emergency exists.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

