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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 53

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 15-17-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2008, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) ~~The owner of an animal affected with a dangerous or contagious disease shall report the disease to the state veterinarian not later than forty-eight (48) hours after discovering the existence of the disease. As used in this section, "animal health professional" refers to an individual, corporate entity, or other organization with formal training in the diagnosis or recognition of animal diseases or pests of livestock, including:~~

- (1) a veterinarian or a registered veterinary technician (as defined in IC 25-38.1-1-13);
- (2) biomedical researchers;
- (3) public health officials;
- (4) trained technicians;
- (5) zoo personnel; and
- (6) wildlife personnel.

- (b) A veterinarian, **owner**, caretaker, or custodian of an animal who ~~(1) is not the owner of the animal; and~~  
~~(2) knows or has reason to suspect that a dangerous, contagious, or infectious disease or condition declared reportable by the board exists in the animal~~

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shall report the existence of **the disease or condition** to the state veterinarian or local health officer not later than ~~forty-eight (48)~~ **twenty-four (24)** hours after discovering ~~or having reason to suspect the disease exists~~ **the occurrence or suspected occurrence of the disease or condition.**

(c) A local health officer who receives a report from a person under this section shall report the disease **or condition** within twenty-four (24) hours to the state veterinarian.

**(d) For diseases and conditions of animals that have been declared reportable by the board, a laboratory or an animal health professional shall report to the state veterinarian the following:**

**(1) The type of test performed and corresponding results within a time frame established by the board.**

**(2) Whenever a test renders a positive diagnosis, a positive diagnosis not later than twenty-four (24) hours after receiving the positive diagnosis.**

**(e) The board may adopt rules it considers necessary to carry out this section.**

SECTION 2. IC 15-17-17-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2014, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5. Any notice required by this article, IC 15-18-1, or IC 15-19-6, including notice required under IC 4-21.5-3, may be served by:

(1) personal delivery to the person concerned, by leaving the notice at the place of business or residence last specified by the person concerned or the person's last notification to the board; ~~or~~

(2) mailing the notice to the place of business or residence last specified by the person concerned in the person's last notification to the board; ~~or~~

**(3) electronic mail, when authorized under IC 4-21.5-3-1.**



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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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