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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 479

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1130H.02P

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 267, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to agricultural data collection.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 267, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 267.169, to read as follows:

267.169. 1. No premises registration data, animal identification data, environmental data, or animal tracking data collected by any state agency from participants under the federal Animal Disease Traceability Program, nor any data collected for the purpose of animal health or environmental protection shall be subject to disclosure under the Missouri sunshine law in chapter 610, except that the director of any state agency or the state veterinarian within the department of agriculture shall release information otherwise closed to the extent that the information is useful in controlling or preventing a disease outbreak, for public safety purposes, or to show particular animals or herds are not involved in a disease outbreak, as is deemed required under the circumstances. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the release of proprietary information.

2. Any unauthorized release of information under subsection 1 of this section with regard to a particular entity or person regardless of the type or quantity of information released shall be a violation of this section. Any entity or person alleging a violation of this section may bring a civil action against a state agency in a court of competent jurisdiction. A court may order any appropriate relief including damages in an amount not to exceed

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **ten thousand dollars, payment of reasonable attorney's fees, costs, expenses, and any**
18 **injunctive relief the court deems necessary and proper.**

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