

House Bill 2500

Sponsored by Representative WILDE; Representatives GOMBERG, HOLVEY, PILUSO, SANCHEZ (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides private right of action to recover for expenses in relation to veterinary care for abused domestic animal.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to expenses for veterinary care of abused animals.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "abuse" means an act or omission in violation**
5 **of ORS 167.310 to 167.351 that results in physical injury to a domestic animal.**

6 **(2) A person that provides or ensures the provision of veterinary care for an animal for**
7 **the purpose of addressing the effects of abuse has a private right of action against the person**
8 **inflicting the abuse. A court shall award a plaintiff prevailing in an action under this section**
9 **compensatory damages for all expenses incurred by the person in relation to veterinary care**
10 **for the abused animal deemed necessary or appropriate by a treating veterinarian, plus costs**
11 **and reasonable attorney fees.**

12 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act applies to veterinary care rendered on or after the**
13 **effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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