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D. COSTA, SCHWEYER, MACKENZIE, CORBIN, SNYDER AND HARPER,
JULY 7, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 7, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and
3 immunities, providing for civil immunity for humane society
4 police officers.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 8332.9. Civil immunity for humane society police officers.

10 (a) General rule.--A humane society police officer acting
11 within the scope of the authority provided in 18 Pa.C.S. § 5511
12 (relating to cruelty to animals) shall not be liable for civil
13 damages as a result of any act or omission in the course of an
14 investigation or enforcement action.

15 (b) Nonapplicability.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to any
16 act or omission intentionally designed to harm, or to any act or
17 omission that constitutes gross negligence or to any willful,

1 wanton or reckless conduct.

2 (c) Definition.--The term "humane society police officer"
3 shall have the same meaning given in 22 Pa.C.S. § 3702 (relating
4 to definitions).

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.