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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4446

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4446, AS AMENDED,  
3 by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

4 "Section 3. The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice  
5 Act of 2004 is amended by changing Section 18 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 115/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 7018)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2029)

8 Sec. 18. Unless otherwise contractually provided between  
9 veterinarian and client, a veterinarian may dispose of any  
10 animal abandoned in his establishment, provided he shall give  
11 notice of his intention to do so to the owner at the last-known  
12 address by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall  
13 allow a period of 7 days to elapse after the receipt is  
14 returned before disposing of such animal. But if the owner  
15 cannot be located at such address, the veterinarian shall give  
16 such notice by publication in a newspaper published and having

1 a circulation in the area in which such owner was last known to  
2 reside and shall allow a period of 7 days to elapse after such  
3 publication before disposing of such animal.

4 A veterinarian who, on his own initiative or other than at  
5 the request of the owner, gives emergency treatment to a sick  
6 or injured animal, including a dangerous animal as defined in  
7 Section 48-10 of the Criminal Code of 2012, shall not be liable  
8 for damages in the absence of gross negligence. If the  
9 veterinarian performs a euthanasic act on an animal, there is  
10 the presumption that such was a humane act necessary to  
11 relieve the animal of suffering.

12 (Source: P.A. 83-1016.)"; and

13 in subsection (f) of Sec. 48-10 of Section 5, by replacing "an  
14 approved" with "a licensed ~~an approved~~".