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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1769

5 By: Representatives Tucker, Sabin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY;
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ANIMAL ABUSE
13 REGISTRY.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, is amended to add an
20 additional subchapter to read as follows:

21 Subchapter 20 – Arkansas Animal Abuse Registry
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23 12-12-2001. Definition.

24 As used in this subchapter, "animal abuse offense" means:

25 (1) Cruelty to animals, § 5-62-103, if the offense is a felony
26 and the animal is a dog, cat, or horse;

27 (2) Aggravated cruelty to a dog, cat, or horse, § 5-62-104;

28 (3) Unlawful animal fighting, § 5-62-120, if the offense is a
29 felony and the animal is a dog, cat, or horse; or

30 (4) A felony offense concerning animal cruelty or abuse enacted,
31 renamed, or amended at a later date by the General Assembly unless the
32 General Assembly expresses its intent not to consider the offense to be an
33 animal abuse offense under this subchapter.
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35 12-12-2002. Arkansas Animal Abuse Registry.

36 (a)(1) The Arkansas Crime Information Center shall post a publicly



1 accessible list on its website of any person convicted of an animal abuse
2 offense.

3 (2)(A) The list under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall
4 include a photograph taken of the person, the person's full legal name, and
5 other identifying data as the center determines is necessary to properly
6 identify the person and to exclude innocent persons.

7 (B) The list under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall
8 not include the person's Social Security number, driver's license number, or
9 any other state or federal identification number.

10 (b) A circuit court clerk shall forward a copy of the sentencing order
11 and date of birth of a person convicted of an animal abuse offense to the
12 center within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of the sentencing order.

13 (c)(1) Upon a person's first conviction for an animal abuse offense,
14 the center shall maintain the person's name and other identifying
15 information, described in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section on the list
16 under subdivision (a)(1) of this section published for two (2) years
17 following the date of conviction, after which time the center shall remove
18 the person's name and identifying information from the list if the
19 person is not convicted of another animal abuse offense during that two-year
20 period.

21 (2) Upon a person's subsequent conviction for an animal abuse
22 offense, the center shall maintain the person's name and other identifying
23 information, described in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section on the list
24 under subdivision (a)(1) of this section for five (5) years following the
25 date of the most recent conviction, after which time the center shall remove
26 the person's name and identifying information from the list if the person is
27 not convicted of another animal abuse offense during that five-year period.

28 (d) The center shall remove the person's name and identifying
29 information from the list under subdivision (a)(1) of this section if the
30 sole offense for which the person is required to be subject to the mandates
31 of the registry is sealed under the Comprehensive Criminal Record Sealing Act
32 of 2013, § 16-90-1401 et seq., or pardoned.

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34 12-12-2003. Rulemaking.

35 The Arkansas Crime Information Center may promulgate rules to implement
36 of this subchapter.

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SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date.
This act is effective on and after January 1, 2018.