

HCS HB 1828 -- ANIMAL CARE TRAINING (Houghton)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy

This bill requires individuals, or organizations on behalf of a group of individuals, seeking to train peace officers in responding to animal neglect and abuse incident reports to submit all training materials relating to animal care to the State Veterinarian and all training materials relating to offenses involving animals to the Department of Public Safety for review on an annual basis. The State Veterinarian and Department of Public Safety must review and either approve or disapprove the materials within 14 days. Upon approval, the State Veterinarian or the Department of Public Safety will issue a certification.

Engaging in the business of animal care training using training materials that have not been certified by either the State Veterinarian or the Department of Public Safety is an infraction for the first offense, and a class D misdemeanor for the second or any subsequent offense.

This bill has an effective date of January 1, 2019.