

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 96

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 578, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to animal facilities.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 578, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 578.411, to read as follows:

**578.411. 1. Upon issuance of a court order to enter an animal facility and prior to**  
2 **execution of such order, the executing law enforcement agency shall notify the state**  
3 **veterinarian, as defined in section 267.010, RSMo, who shall accompany the law**  
4 **enforcement agency personnel when entering the animal facility. If after entering the**  
5 **animal facility the state veterinarian determines that further action is necessary to**  
6 **safeguard the health and welfare of the animals at the facility, the state veterinarian shall**  
7 **advise the issuing court as to the appropriate actions to be taken, including but not limited**  
8 **to removal, placement, medical treatment, or euthanasia.**  
9 **2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or otherwise limit the**  
10 **authority of the state veterinarian or law enforcement from taking immediate action**  
11 **otherwise authorized under state law.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.