

SENATE BILL NO. 429

August 20, 2019, Introduced by Senator LUCIDO and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 50d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 50d. (1) A licensed veterinarian who has reasonable cause**
2 **to suspect the abuse or neglect of a companion animal shall make an**
3 **immediate report of the suspected abuse or neglect to an animal**
4 **control shelter in or a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction**
5 **over the geographic location where the abuse or neglect allegedly**

1 occurred. A licensed veterinarian who violates this section is
2 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more
3 than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00.

4 (2) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Animal control shelter" means that term as defined in
6 section 50.

7 (b) "Companion animal" means that term as defined in section
8 50b.

9 (c) "Licensed veterinarian" means that term as defined in
10 section 50.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
12 after the date it is enacted into law.