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DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*)

CHAPTER 11. Veterinary Medicine [4800 - 4917] (*Chapter 11 repealed and added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 933.*)

ARTICLE 2. Practice Provisions [4825 - 4831] (*Article 2 added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 933.*)

Whenever any licensee under this chapter has reasonable cause to believe an animal under its care has been a victim of animal abuse or **cruelty**, as prescribed in Section 597 of the Penal Code, it shall be the duty of the licensee to promptly report it to the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county, city, or city and county in which it occurred. No licensee shall incur any civil liability as a result of making any report pursuant to this section or as a result of making any report of a violation of subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 597 of the Penal Code.

(*Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 467, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2005.*)