

Rep. Layon, Rock. 13
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Amendment to HB 1438

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT enabling mental health caseworkers to report instances of animal abuse by their
4 clients.

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6 Amend RSA 330-A:36, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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8 I. A person licensed under this chapter having knowledge of, or suspecting in good faith,
9 that any animal has been subjected to cruelty, neglect, exploitation, or is living in hazardous
10 conditions through information from a client that would normally be protected confidential
11 information may report, or cause a report to be made, to a law enforcement officer or to the field
12 services office with the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables mental health caseworkers to report instances of animal abuse by their clients.