

REFERENCE TITLE: **veterinarian malpractice actions; damages**

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Introduced by
Senator Kavanagh: Representative Shah

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 32-2240.04; RELATING TO VETERINARIANS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 21, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 32-2240.04, to read:

4 32-2240.04. Malpractice action; damages

5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, IF A PERSON PREVAILS IN A MALPRACTICE
6 ACTION AGAINST A VETERINARIAN, THE PERSON MAY RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING
7 DAMAGES FOR THE DEATH OF THE PERSON'S DOMESTICATED DOG OR CAT:

8 1. THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE DOMESTICATED DOG OR CAT.

9 2. THE COST OF ALL MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR THE DOMESTICATED DOG OR CAT
10 RESULTING FROM THE MALPRACTICE ACTIVITY.

11 3. UP TO \$10,000 FOR THE PERSON'S FUTURE LOSS OF COMPANIONSHIP.