

Senate Engrossed

veterinarian malpractice actions; damages

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SENATE BILL 1199

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; definition

5 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, IF A PERSON PREVAILS IN A
6 MALPRACTICE ACTION AGAINST A VETERINARIAN, THE PERSON MAY RECEIVE THE
7 FOLLOWING REASONABLE DAMAGES FOR THE DEATH OF THE PERSON'S DOMESTIC
8 ANIMAL:

9 1. THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL.

10 2. THE COST OF ALL REASONABLE AND NECESSARY VETERINARY MEDICAL
11 EXPENSES FOR THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL RESULTING FROM THE MALPRACTICE ACTIVITY.

12 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DOMESTIC ANIMAL" MEANS A
13 MAMMAL, BIRD, REPTILE OR AMPHIBIAN THAT IS NOT REGULATED BY TITLE 3 AND
14 THAT IS KEPT PRIMARILY AS A PET OR COMPANION OR THAT IS BRED TO BE A PET
15 OR COMPANION.