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Pet Care & Humane Treatment Study Committee Wednesday, March 1, 2017 3:30 PM Room 105, Gressette Building

Members Present: Representative Steve Moss

Patricia Hill, DVM, SC Assn. of Veterinarians, Past President

Kim Kelly, Humane Society US, SC Director Barbara Nelson, SPCA Albrecht Center, President Josh Rhodes, SC Assoc. of Counties, Staff Attorney Patty Van Sicklen, Am. Kennel Club, Legislative Analyst Clint Leach, SC Dept. Of Agriculture, Asst. Commissioner

Rebecca Leach, SC Dept. of LLR, Dir. Of Bus. And Govt. Affairs

Staff Present: Senate -- Gene Hogan, Emma Hall; House -- Joannie Nickel, Rebecca Thompson

Chairman Sheheen was unable to leave session and asked Representative Moss to chair in his absence. After calling the meeting to order, Representative Moss opened the floor to public comment. Kathy Faulk, of the Hoof and Paw Beneficiary Society, then briefly spoke on the need to strengthen animal cruelty laws. Faulk was the only request for comment.

Representative Moss then directed the members to the draft legislation before them. Staff took the committee members through each section and any proposed changes were discussed. Committee members agreed to work with staff to address those changes before the next meeting date. All agenda items being completed, the meeting was adjourned.