

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice
5 Act of 2004 is amended by adding Section 8.2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 115/8.2 new)

7 Sec. 8.2. Rabies vaccination authority; rabies vaccination
8 certificates.

9 (a) A certified veterinary technician who has completed
10 the required 2-hour rabies vaccination continuing education
11 course may administer rabies vaccinations only under the
12 direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, and only after
13 the supervising veterinarian has performed a physical
14 examination of the animal and determined that the animal is
15 healthy enough to receive the vaccination.

16 (b) The 2-hour rabies vaccination continuing education
17 course shall apply toward the total number of hours of
18 continuing education required by rule. This course must be
19 repeated each renewal cycle that the certified veterinary
20 technician administers the rabies vaccination.

21 (c) The rabies administration continuing education program
22 must be taught by a licensed veterinarian in good standing and
23 provided by a continuing education provider approved by the

1 Department.

2 (d) Nothing in this Section authorizes a certified
3 veterinary technician to diagnose, prognose, prescribe,
4 perform surgery, or engage in any activity prohibited under
5 this Act.

6 (e) A certified veterinary technician administering rabies
7 vaccinations under this Section remains subject to all
8 disciplinary provisions of this Act.

9 (f) A rabies vaccination certificate may be signed only
10 by:

11 (1) a licensed veterinarian who administered the
12 vaccination; or

13 (2) a certified veterinary technician who has
14 completed the required rabies vaccination continuing
15 education program during the previous renewal period and
16 administered the rabies vaccination.

17 A rabies vaccination certificate that is signed by a
18 certified veterinary technician shall also be signed by the
19 veterinarian providing direct supervision of the certified
20 veterinary technician. The professional credential of the
21 individual or individuals who sign the certificate must be
22 included with their signature.

23 (g) A copy of the current rabies vaccination continuing
24 education certificate must be on display at the locations
25 where the certified veterinary technician administers rabies
26 vaccinations.

1 (h) Any Illinois statute, administrative rule, or local
2 ordinance that restricts rabies vaccination administration or
3 certificate signing exclusively to veterinarians is amended to
4 permit Certified Veterinary Technicians who have completed the
5 required rabies vaccination continuing education course to
6 perform these functions as authorized under this Act.

7 Any reference to "rabies inoculation by a licensed
8 veterinarian only" shall be interpreted to include certified
9 veterinary technicians who have completed the required rabies
10 vaccination continuing education program acting under direct
11 supervision of a licensed veterinarian.