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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 131

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 131 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing
5 Section 8 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 5/8) (from Ch. 8, par. 358)

7 Sec. 8. Rabies inoculation.

8 (a) Every owner of a dog 4 months or more of age shall have
9 each dog inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.
10 Every dog shall have a second rabies vaccination within one
11 year of the first. Terms of subsequent vaccine administration
12 and duration of immunity must be in compliance with USDA
13 licenses of vaccines used.

14 (b) Every owner of a cat that is a companion animal and is
15 4 months or more of age shall have each cat inoculated against
16 rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Every cat that is a

1 companion animal shall have a second rabies vaccination within
2 one year of the first. Terms of subsequent vaccine
3 administration and duration of immunity must be in compliance
4 with USDA licenses of vaccines used. This subsection (b) does
5 not apply to feral cats; however, if a feral cat is presented
6 to a licensed veterinarian for sterilization, the feral cat
7 shall be inoculated against rabies, unless the person
8 presenting the feral cat for care provides an inoculation
9 certificate showing that the feral cat has been inoculated
10 against rabies, and the cost of the inoculation shall be paid
11 by the person presenting the feral cat to a licensed
12 veterinarian for care.

13 (c) A veterinarian immunizing a dog, cat, or ferret against
14 rabies shall provide the Administrator of the county in which
15 the dog, cat, or ferret resides with a certificate of
16 immunization. Evidence of such rabies inoculation shall be
17 entered on a certificate the form of which shall be approved by
18 the Board and which shall contain the microchip number of the
19 dog, cat, or ferret if it has one and which shall be signed by
20 the licensed veterinarian administering the vaccine. Only one
21 dog, cat, or ferret shall be included on each certificate.

22 (d) Veterinarians who inoculate a dog shall procure from
23 the County Animal Control in the county where their office is
24 located serially numbered tags, one to be issued with each
25 inoculation certificate. The Board shall cause a rabies
26 inoculation tag to be issued, at a fee established by the Board

1 for each dog inoculated against rabies.

2 (e) A veterinarian who inoculates a cat that is a companion
3 animal shall issue an inoculation certificate to the owner
4 which shall comply with any registration requirements adopted
5 by the county under Section 3 of this Act. The owner shall pay
6 any fee imposed by the county under Section 3 of this Act. A
7 veterinarian who inoculates a feral cat shall issue an
8 inoculation certificate to the person who presented the feral
9 cat for veterinary care. The registration requirements or any
10 fee imposed by the county under Section 3 of this Act shall not
11 apply to feral cats.

12 (f) Rabies vaccine for use on animals shall be sold or
13 distributed only to and used only by licensed veterinarians.
14 Such rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States
15 Department of Agriculture.

16 (g) If a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a
17 rabies inoculation would compromise an animal's health, then
18 the animal shall be exempt from the rabies inoculation
19 requirement, however, the owner is still responsible for the
20 tag fees.

21 (h) If a bite occurs from an exempt animal, the exempt
22 animal shall be treated as an unvaccinated animal. If the
23 animal is exempt, the animal shall be re-examined by a licensed
24 veterinarian on no less than an annual basis and be vaccinated
25 against rabies as soon as the animal's health permits.

26 (Source: P.A. 99-658, eff. 7-28-16.)"