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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to animals; creating s. 828.35,
F.S.; providing requirements for the rabies
vaccination of ferrets; providing exemptions;
providing for rabies vaccination certificates;
providing for quarantine according to rules;
providing a penalty; providing an effective
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 828.35, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

828.35 Rabies vaccination of ferrets.--

(1) All ferrets 4 months of age or older must be
vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian with a
United States Government-approved vaccine. The cost of
vaccination must be borne by the animal's owner.

(2) A ferret is exempt from vaccination against rabies
if a licensed veterinarian has examined the animal and has
certified in writing that at the time vaccination would
endanger the animal's health because of its age, infirmity,
disability, illness, or other medical considerations. An
exempt animal must be vaccinated against rabies as soon as its
health permits.

(3) Upon vaccination against rabies, the licensed
veterinarian shall provide the animal's owner and the animal
control authority with a rabies vaccination certificate which
must contain at least the following information:

(a) The license number of the administering
veterinarian.

