

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to animals; amending s. 828.30,  
3           F.S.; providing for the rabies vaccination of  
4           ferrets; providing for quarantine according to  
5           rules; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Section 828.30, Florida Statutes, is  
10 amended to read:

11           828.30 Rabies vaccination of dogs,and cats, and  
12 ferrets.--

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

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

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

28           (a) The license number of the administering  
29 veterinarian.

30           (b) The name, address, and phone number of the  
31 veterinarian and owner.

- 1 (c) The date of vaccination.
- 2 (d) The expiration date of the vaccination.
- 3 (e) The species, age, sex, color, breed, weight, and
- 4 name of the animal vaccinated.
- 5 (f) The rabies vaccine manufacturer.
- 6 (g) The vaccine lot number and expiration date.
- 7 (h) The type and brand of vaccine used.
- 8 (i) The route of administration of the vaccine.
- 9 (j) The signature or signature stamp of the licensed
- 10 veterinarian.

11 (4) Beginning March 1, 1999, each ferret vaccinated  
12 according to this section must be quarantined, when necessary,  
13 according to rules of the Department of Health.

14 (5)~~(4)~~ Violation of this section is a civil  
15 infraction, punishable as provided in s. 828.27(2).

16 (6)~~(5)~~ This section does not prohibit or limit  
17 municipalities or counties from enacting requirements similar  
18 to or more stringent than the provisions of this section for  
19 the implementation and enforcement of rabies-control  
20 ordinances.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

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