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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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