

Amendment No.

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Senate

House

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1 Representative Overdorf offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Substitute Amendment (151229) (with title**
4 **amendment)**

5 Between lines 1869 and 1870, insert:

6 Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of
7 section 474.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter does not apply to:

9 (5) (a) Any person, or the person's regular employee,
10 administering to the ills or injuries of her or his own
11 animals, including, but not limited to, castration,
12 spaying, and dehorning of herd animals, unless title is
13 transferred or employment provided for the purpose of

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14 circumventing this law. This exemption does not apply to
15 any person licensed as a veterinarian in another state or
16 foreign jurisdiction and practicing temporarily in this
17 state. However, except as provided in s. 828.30, only a
18 veterinarian may immunize or treat an animal for diseases
19 that are communicable to humans and that are of public
20 health significance.

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22 For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt
23 pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection
24 (4) are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized
25 by the laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal
26 supplies.

27 Section 30. Subsections (1) and (3) of section
28 828.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

29 828.30 Rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, and
30 ferrets.—

31 (1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), all dogs,
32 cats, and ferrets 4 months of age or older must be
33 vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian against rabies with a
34 vaccine that is licensed by the United States Department of
35 Agriculture for use in those species.

36 (b) An employee, agent, or contractor of an animal
37 control authority acting under the indirect supervision of
38 a veterinarian may vaccinate impounded animals that will be

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39 transferred, rescued, fostered, adopted, or reclaimed by
40 the owner. As used in this subsection, the term "indirect
41 supervision" means that the supervising veterinarian is
42 available for consultation by telecommunications but is not
43 required to be on the premises during such consultation.
44 The supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for the
45 veterinary care given to the animal by any person working
46 under or at his or her direction and supervision.

47 (c) The owner of every dog, cat, and ferret shall
48 have the animal revaccinated 12 months after the initial
49 vaccination. Thereafter, the interval between vaccinations
50 shall conform to the vaccine manufacturer's directions. The
51 cost of vaccination must be borne by the animal's owner.
52 Evidence of circulating rabies virus neutralizing
53 antibodies may ~~shall~~ not be used as a substitute for
54 current vaccination in managing rabies exposure or
55 determining the need for booster vaccinations.

56 (3) Upon vaccination against rabies, the licensed
57 veterinarian shall provide the animal's owner and the
58 animal control authority with a rabies vaccination
59 certificate. Each animal control authority and veterinarian
60 shall use the "Rabies Vaccination Certificate" of the
61 National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians
62 (NASPHV) or an equivalent form approved by the local
63 government that contains all the information required by

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64 the NASPHV Rabies Vaccination Certificate. The veterinarian
65 who administers the rabies vaccination, or who supervises
66 an employee, agent, or contractor of an animal control
67 authority administering the rabies vaccination, vaccine to
68 an animal as required under this section may affix his or
69 her signature stamp in lieu of an actual signature.
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73 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

74 Between lines 2000 and 2001, insert:
75 amending s. 474.203, F.S.; providing an exception to
76 who may immunize or treat an animal for certain
77 diseases; amending s. 828.30, F.S.; authorizing
78 employees, agents, or contractors of animal control
79 authorities to administer rabies vaccinations under
80 certain circumstances; defining the term "indirect
81 supervision"; providing that a supervising
82 veterinarian assumes responsibility for any person
83 working at his or her discretion or under his or her
84 supervision; authorizing a veterinarian who indirectly
85 supervises the administration of the rabies
86 vaccination to affix his or her signature stamp on a
87 rabies vaccination certificate;

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