

Amendment No.

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1 Representative Overdorf offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 1565 and 1566, insert:

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

7 474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter does not apply to:

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

13 This exemption does not apply to any person licensed as a

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14 veterinarian in another state or foreign jurisdiction and  
15 practicing temporarily in this state. However, except as  
16 provided in s. 828.30, only a veterinarian may immunize or treat  
17 an animal for diseases that are communicable to humans and that  
18 are of public health significance.

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

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

26 828.30 Rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, and ferrets.—

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

32 (b) An employee, agent, or contractor of an animal control  
33 authority acting under the indirect supervision of a  
34 veterinarian may vaccinate impounded animals that will be  
35 transferred, rescued, fostered, adopted, or reclaimed by the  
36 owner. As used in this subsection, the term "indirect  
37 supervision" means that the supervising veterinarian is  
38 available for consultation by telecommunications but is not

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39 required to be on the premises during such consultation. The  
40 supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for the  
41 veterinary care given to the animal by any person working under  
42 or at his or her direction and supervision.

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

51 (3) Upon vaccination against rabies, the licensed  
52 veterinarian shall provide the animal's owner and the animal  
53 control authority with a rabies vaccination certificate. Each  
54 animal control authority and veterinarian shall use the "Rabies  
55 Vaccination Certificate" of the National Association of State  
56 Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) or an equivalent form  
57 approved by the local government that contains all the  
58 information required by the NASPHV Rabies Vaccination  
59 Certificate. The veterinarian who administers the rabies  
60 vaccination, or who supervises an employee, agent, or contractor  
61 of an animal control authority administering the rabies  
62 vaccination, vaccine to an animal as required under this section

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Between lines 106 and 107, insert:

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amending s. 474.203, F.S.; providing an exception to

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who may immunize or treat an animal for certain

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diseases; amending s. 828.30, F.S.; authorizing

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employees, agents, or contractors of animal control

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authorities to administer rabies vaccinations under

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certain circumstances; defining the term "indirect

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supervision"; providing that a supervising

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veterinarian assumes responsibility for any person

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working at his or her discretion or under his or her

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supervision; authorizing a veterinarian who indirectly

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supervises the administration of the rabies

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vaccination to affix his or her signature stamp on a

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rabies vaccination certificate;

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