

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee
 2 Representative Rommel offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 131 and 132, insert:

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 474.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter does not apply to:

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

This exemption does not apply to any person licensed as a
 veterinarian in another state or foreign jurisdiction and
 practicing temporarily in this state. However, except as

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17 provided in s. 828.30, only a veterinarian may immunize or treat
18 an animal for diseases that are communicable to humans and that
19 are of public health significance.

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

25 Between lines 322 and 323, insert:

26 Section 13. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 828.30,
27 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

28 828.30 Rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, and ferrets.—

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

34 (b) An employee, agent, or contractor of an animal control
35 authority acting under the indirect supervision of a
36 veterinarian may vaccinate impounded animals that will be
37 transferred, rescued, fostered, adopted, or reclaimed by the
38 owner. As used in this paragraph, the term "indirect
39 supervision" means the supervising veterinarian must be
40 available for consultation through telecommunications but is not
41 required to be on the premises during such consultation. The

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42 supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for the
43 veterinary care provided to the animal by any person working
44 under or at his or her direction and supervision.

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

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

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Remove line 20 and insert:
consulting or contracting licenses; amending s.
474.203, F.S.; providing an exception to who may
immunize or treat an animal for certain diseases;
amending s.
Remove line 50 and insert:
509.251, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s.
828.30, F.S.; authorizing certain employees, agents,
or contractors to administer rabies vaccinations under
certain circumstances; defining the term "indirect
supervision"; providing that a supervising
veterinarian assumes responsibility for any person
working under or at his or her direction and
supervision; authorizing a veterinarian who indirectly
supervises the administration of the rabies
vaccination to affix his or her signature stamp in
lieu of an actual signature on the rabies vaccination
certificate; providing an