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Senate

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Representative McClain offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 303 and 304, insert:

Section 11. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 828.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

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

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13       (b) An employee, an agent, or a contractor of an animal  
14 control authority who is acting under the indirect supervision  
15 of a veterinarian may vaccinate impounded animals that will be  
16 transferred, rescued, fostered, adopted, or reclaimed by the  
17 owner. The supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for  
18 the veterinary care provided to the animal by any person working  
19 under him or her or at his or her direction and supervision. As  
20 used in this paragraph, the term "indirect supervision" means  
21 the supervising veterinarian must be available for consultation  
22 through telecommunications, but is not required to be on the  
23 premises during such consultation.

24       (c) The owner of every dog, cat, and ferret shall have the  
25 animal revaccinated 12 months after the initial vaccination.  
26 Thereafter, the interval between vaccinations shall conform to  
27 the vaccine manufacturer's directions. The cost of vaccination  
28 must be borne by the animal's owner. Evidence of circulating  
29 rabies virus neutralizing antibodies may ~~shall~~ not be used as a  
30 substitute for current vaccination in managing rabies exposure  
31 or determining the need for booster vaccinations.

32       (3) Upon vaccination against rabies, the licensed  
33 veterinarian shall provide the animal's owner and the animal  
34 control authority with a rabies vaccination certificate. Each  
35 animal control authority and veterinarian shall use the "Rabies  
36 Vaccination Certificate" of the National Association of State  
37 Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) or an equivalent form

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38 approved by the local government that contains all the  
39 information required by the NASPHV Rabies Vaccination  
40 Certificate. The veterinarian who administers the rabies  
41 vaccination or who indirectly supervises an employee, an agent,  
42 or a contractor of an animal control authority who administers  
43 the rabies vaccination vaccine to an animal as required under  
44 this section may affix his or her signature stamp in lieu of an  
45 actual signature on the rabies vaccination certificate.

46 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
47 474.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

48 474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter does not apply to:

49 (5)(a) Any person, or the person's regular employee,  
50 administering to the ills or injuries of her or his own animals,  
51 including, but not limited to, castration, spaying, and  
52 dehorning of herd animals, unless title is transferred or  
53 employment provided for the purpose of circumventing this law.  
54 This exemption does not apply to any person licensed as a  
55 veterinarian in another state or foreign jurisdiction and  
56 practicing temporarily in this state. However, except as  
57 provided in s. 828.30, only a veterinarian may immunize or treat  
58 an animal for diseases that are communicable to humans and that  
59 are of public health significance.

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61 For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt  
62 pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (4)

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63 are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized by the  
64 laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal supplies.

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Remove line 47 and insert:

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difference in participant weights; amending s. 828.30, F.S.;

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authorizing certain persons to administer rabies vaccinations

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under certain circumstances; defining the term "indirect

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supervision"; providing that a supervising veterinarian assumes

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responsibility for a person working under him or her or at his

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or her direction and supervision; authorizing a veterinarian who

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indirectly supervises the administration of the rabies

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vaccination to affix his or her signature stamp in lieu of an

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actual signature on the rabies vaccination certificate; amending

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s. 474.203, F.S.; authorizing specified persons other than a

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veterinarian to immunize or treat an animal for certain

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diseases; reenacting s.

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