

HB1853



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1853

by Rep. Jim Durkin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 5/8

from Ch. 8, par. 358

Amends the Animal Control Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning rabies inoculations.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing
5 Section 8 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 5/8) (from Ch. 8, par. 358)

7 Sec. 8. Rabies inoculation. Every owner of a dog 4 months
8 or more of age shall have each dog inoculated against rabies by
9 a licensed veterinarian. Every dog shall have a second rabies
10 vaccination within one year of the ~~the~~ first. Terms of
11 subsequent vaccine administration and duration of immunity
12 must be in compliance with USDA licenses of vaccines used. A
13 veterinarian immunizing a dog, cat, or ferret against rabies
14 shall provide the Administrator of the county in which the dog,
15 cat, or ferret resides with a certificate of immunization.
16 Evidence of such rabies inoculation shall be entered on a
17 certificate the form of which shall be approved by the Board
18 and which shall contain the microchip number of the dog, cat,
19 or ferret if it has one and which shall be signed by the
20 licensed veterinarian administering the vaccine. Only one dog,
21 cat, or ferret shall be included on each certificate.
22 Veterinarians who inoculate a dog shall procure from the County
23 Animal Control in the county where their office is located

1 serially numbered tags, one to be issued with each inoculation
2 certificate. The Board shall cause a rabies inoculation tag to
3 be issued, at a fee established by the Board for each dog
4 inoculated against rabies.

5 Rabies vaccine for use on animals shall be sold or
6 distributed only to and used only by licensed veterinarians.
7 Such rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States
8 Department of Agriculture.

9 If a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a
10 rabies inoculation would compromise an animal's health, then
11 the animal shall be exempt from the rabies inoculation
12 requirement, however, the owner is still responsible for the
13 tag fees.

14 If a bite occurs from an exempt animal, the exempt animal
15 shall be treated as an unvaccinated animal. If the animal is
16 exempt, the animal shall be re-examined by a licensed
17 veterinarian on no less than an annual basis and be vaccinated
18 against rabies as soon as the animal's health permits.

19 (Source: P.A. 99-658, eff. 7-28-16.)