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REGULAR SESSION, 1984



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HOUSE BILL No. 1041

(By ~~THE~~ Del. Steptoe)



Passed March 10, 1984

In Effect Ninety days from Passage



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H. B. 1041

(By DELEGATE STEPTOE)

[Passed March 10, 1984; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine-a, article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the impounding of dogs, cats and other domesticated animals for rabies observation; confinement and quarantine; duty of officer or warden; penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section nine-a, article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 20. DOGS.

§19-20-9a. Rabies observation.

1 Any person who owns or harbors any dog, cat or other
2 domesticated animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, which
3 bites any person shall forthwith confine and quarantine the
4 animal for a period of fourteen days for rabies observation. If
5 such animal is not so confined and quarantined, the humane
6 officer, dog warden or sheriff may cause such animal to be
7 placed in the custody and care of a licensed veterinarian for
8 such purpose at the owner's expense. The penalty for any
9 violation of this section shall be a fine of fifty dollars or con-
10 finement in the county jail for a period of no less than two nor
11 more than three days.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Harold E. Brown

Chairman Senate Committee

Donald Anello

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Todd C. Wallis

Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Walter P. Brown

President of the Senate

W. M. See, Jr.

Speaker House of Delegates

The within *inapparent* this the *30*
day of *March*, 1984.

J. S. [Signature]

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