WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1992

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HOUSE BILL No. H 428

(By Delegate  O. Miller)

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Passed ................................................ March 4, 1992

In Effect ............................................. 90 Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article twenty-a, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to vaccination of dogs and cats for rabies; and establishing requirements for rabies vaccination certificates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article twenty-a, 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 20A. VACCINATION OF DOGS AND CATS FOR RABIES.

§19-20A-4. Vaccination tag and certificate.

Each person vaccinating a dog or cat for rabies shall provide a “certificate of rabies vaccination” which shall contain the following information:

(a) Name of the county where the owner of the animal resides;
(b) Vaccination tag number;
(c) Identification of the animal by color, weight, breed, age and sex;
(d) Name, address and telephone number of the owner;
(e) Type of vaccine, the manufacturer of the vaccine
and the serial number;

(f) Date of the vaccination;

(g) Identification of the veterinarian, doctor of medicine or person administering the vaccination;

(h) Such other information as the commissioner of agriculture may require.

The owner of the animal shall retain the original certificate of vaccination in his or her records. Copies of the certificate or a computer printout that contains the information required above shall be filed with the person administering the vaccination and the clerk of the county commission in the county where the owner of the animal resides.

Tags to be furnished by the county commission shall be of a distinctive and easily recognized color, and shall have thereon engraved, or stamped, the year of vaccination and the number indicating the record above described. Such tag shall be securely fastened to the collar worn by the dog and shall be given to the owner by the veterinarian, the doctor of medicine or the person vaccinating the dog or cat at the time of vaccination.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 15th day of March, 1992.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR
Date 3/12/92
Time 4:47 pm