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SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1992



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HOUSE BILL No. 4428

(By Delegate D. Miller)



Passed March 4, 1992

In Effect 90 Days from Passage

**ENROLLED**  
**H. B. 4428**  
(By DELEGATE D. MILLER)

[Passed March 4, 1992; in effect ninety 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.**

- 1 Each person vaccinating a dog or cat for rabies shall
- 2 provide a "certificate of rabies vaccination" which shall
- 3 contain the following information:
  - 4 (a) Name of the county where the owner of the animal
  - 5 resides;
  - 6 (b) Vaccination tag number;
  - 7 (c) Identification of the animal by color, weight, breed,
  - 8 age and sex;
  - 9 (d) Name, address and telephone number of the
  - 10 owner;
  - 11 (e) Type of vaccine, the manufacturer of the vaccine

12 and the serial number;

13 (f) Date of the vaccination;

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

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

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

25 Tags to be furnished by the county commission shall  
26 be of a distinctive and easily recognized color, and shall  
27 have thereon engraved, or stamped, the year of vacci-  
28 nation and the number indicating the record above  
29 described. Such tag shall be securely fastened to the  
30 collar worn by the dog and shall be given to the owner  
31 by the veterinarian, the doctor of medicine or the person  
32 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.

*Homer Heck*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Ernest C. Moore*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

*Parrell R. Adams*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*Donald J. Kopp*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Neil S. Santella*  
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President of the Senate

*Bob Zell*  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the *15<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March* 1992.

*Yaston Caperton*  
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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 3/12/92

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