WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1996

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 4751

(By Delegate Beach, Riggs (By Request))

Passed March 8, 1996

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 reducing the number of days an animal which has bitten a person must be quarantined for rabies observation.

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 AND CATS.

§19-20-9a. Dogs, cats, etc.; rabies observation.

Any person who owns or harbors any dog, cat or other domesticated animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, which bites any person, shall forthwith confine and quarantine the animal for a period of ten days for rabies observation. If such animal is not so confined and quarantined, the humane officer, dog warden or sheriff may cause such animal to be placed in the custody and care of a licensed veterinarian for such purpose at the owner's expense. The penalty for any violation of this section shall be a fine of fifty dollars or confinement in the county jail for a period of no less than two nor more than three days.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that
the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 28th
day of March, 1996.

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Governor