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HOUSE BILL No. 4751

(By Delegate s Beach, Riggs (By Request))



Passed March 8 1996

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H. B. 4751

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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.

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

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

Rand Schorover
Chairman Senate Committee

Randy Seaman
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Dorell E. White
Clerk of the Senate

Burgess M. Bray
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Earl Ray Tompkins
President of the Senate

Paul Brannon
Speaker of the House of Delegates

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

Winston Caperton
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 3/26/96

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