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AN ACT to amend and reenact §19-20A-2 and §19-20A-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to requiring rabies vaccination of dogs and cats of a certain age; requiring that administered rabies vaccinations be capable of producing immunity for three years; requiring that dogs and cats receive necessary boosters; providing for the appointment of a qualified person to vaccinate when there is no licensed veterinarian in the county; and requiring rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats prior to entering the state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §19-20A-2 and §19-20A-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 20A. VACCINATION OF DOGS AND CATS FOR RABIES.

§19-20A-2. Vaccination of dogs and cats.

1 (a) A person who owns, obtains or possesses a dog or cat
2 within the State of West Virginia shall have the dog or cat
3 properly vaccinated against rabies with a vaccine capable of
4 producing immunity for three years, boosted one year after
5 initial vaccination and every third year thereafter. Dogs and
6 cats need not be vaccinated before the age of three months,
7 but must be vaccinated by the age of six months.


8 (b) Dogs and cats over six months of age entering the
9 State of West Virginia must have been vaccinated for rabies
10 as set forth in subsection (a) of this section prior to entry.

11 (c) A dog or cat may be vaccinated by any licensed
12 veterinarian or his or her assistant. If there is no licensed
13 veterinarian practicing in the county, a qualified person may
14 be appointed by the county health department to administer
15 vaccinations.

§19-20A-5. Type of vaccine to be furnished; fee.

1 It is the duty of the veterinarian, or person vaccinating
2 each animal to furnish vaccine of a type capable of
3 establishing and maintaining immunity for a period of not
4 less than thirty-six months and he or she shall charge and
5 collect a fee of not more than \$8 for each animal vaccinated,
6 if done at a clinic established by a county commission or, if
7 vaccinated at any other place, he or she shall charge and
8 collect a reasonable fee for his or her services.

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



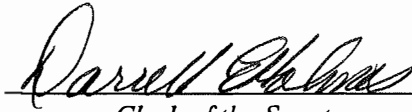
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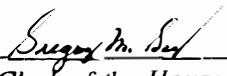
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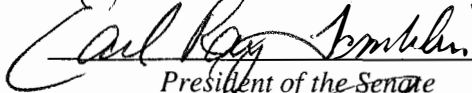
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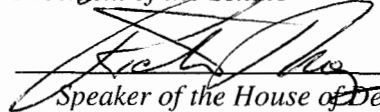
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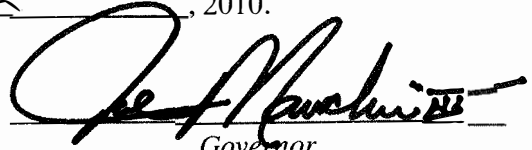


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