WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
House Bill No. 4407

(By Delegates Guthrie, Butcher and Manypenny)

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Passed March 8, 2010

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
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.

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

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

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

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

It is the duty of the veterinarian, or person vaccinating each animal to furnish vaccine of a type capable of establishing and maintaining immunity for a period of not less than thirty-six months and he or she shall charge and collect a fee of not more than $8 for each animal vaccinated, if done at a clinic established by a county commission or, if vaccinated at any other place, he or she shall charge and collect a reasonable fee for his or her services.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In 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 16th day of ________, 2010.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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