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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 228

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1           Section 1. Amend Chapter 82, Title 3 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
2     insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3           § 8204. Rabies vaccination required for dogs, cats, and ferrets; antirabies clinics.

4           (a) Vaccination of ~~dogs~~ dogs, cats, and ferrets — (1) Any person owning a ~~dog~~ dog, cat, and ferret 6 months of age  
5     or older in this State shall have that ~~dog~~ animal vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian, or by a  
6     licensed veterinary technician; exemption from vaccination against rabies may be permitted if a licensed  
7     veterinarian has examined the animal and based on the veterinarian's professional judgment, has certified in  
8     writing that at the time, vaccination would endanger the animal's health because of its infirmity, disability, illness,  
9     or other medical considerations and a titer test, in the case of these medical exemptions, may be administered to  
10    assist in determining the need for the vaccination. The owner of the ~~dog~~ animal will receive a copy of the rabies  
11    vaccination certificate legibly signed by the licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician. The owner of  
12    the ~~dog~~ animal will be responsible for keeping a valid rabies vaccination certificate or exemption certificate in  
13    their possession for inspection by an animal control officer, the Department, or the Division, if deemed necessary.  
14    Certification that the animal is exempt from vaccination shall be valid for a period of 1 year from the date of the  
15    issuance of the certificate of exemption, after which time the animal shall be re-examined by a licensed  
16    veterinarian and vaccinated against rabies or a new certificate of exemption shall be issued to the animal's owner.

SYNOPSIS

This bill allows licensed veterinary technicians, as well as licensed veterinarians, to administer rabies vaccinations to dogs, cats, and ferrets.

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