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A Bill

SENATE BILL 112

5 By: Senator Bledsoe
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY ARKANSAS'S RABIES CONTROL ACT; AND
9 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 AN ACT TO CLARIFY ARKANSAS'S RABIES
12 CONTROL ACT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-19-302 is amended to read as follows:
20 20-19-302. Definitions.

21 As used in this subchapter:

22 (1) "Animal" means any animal other than dogs or cats ~~which~~ that
23 may be affected by rabies;

24 (2) "Cats" ~~includes all members of the feline family~~ means any
25 domestic feline animal, species Felis catus;

26 (3) "Dogs" ~~includes all members of the canine family~~ means any
27 domestic canine animal, species Canis familiaris;

28 (4) "Has been bitten" means the skin has been penetrated by an
29 animal's teeth and saliva has contacted a break or abrasion of the skin;

30 (5) "Owner" means any person who:

31 (A) Has a right of property in a dog or cat or other
32 animal;

33 (B) Keeps, harbors, cares for, or acts as the custodian of
34 a dog or cat or other animal; or

35 (C) Knowingly permits a dog or cat or other animal to
36 remain on or about any premises occupied by him or her; and



1 (6) "Vaccination against rabies" means the injection,
2 subcutaneously or otherwise, of canine antirabic vaccine, as approved by the
3 United States Department of Agriculture or the State Board of Health and
4 administered by a licensed veterinarian or agent of the Department of Health.
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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-19-305 is amended to read as follows:

7 20-19-305. Vaccination for dogs ~~and cats, cats, and other animals~~
8 required.

9 All dogs ~~and cats, cats, and other animals~~ shall be vaccinated against
10 rabies ~~annually or~~ as required by the State Board of Health.
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12 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-19-312 is amended to read as follows:

13 20-19-312. State Board of Health's authority to regulate.

14 (a) The State Board of Health shall ~~promulgate such rules and~~
15 ~~regulations as are~~ adopt rules necessary to carry out the ~~purposes or~~
16 ~~provisions of~~ this subchapter, with subsequent amendments as needed.

17 (b) The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission may adopt rules as
18 are necessary pertaining to dogs and cats transported or moved into Arkansas
19 for any purpose.
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