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A Bill

SENATE BILL 112

5 By: Senator Bledsoe
6 By: Representative Wardlaw
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

21 20-19-302. Definitions.

22 As used in this subchapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (C) Knowingly permits a dog or cat or other animal to



1 remain on or about any premises occupied by him or her; and

2 (6) "Vaccination against rabies" means the injection,
3 subcutaneously or otherwise, of ~~canine~~ antirabic vaccine, as approved by the
4 United States Department of Agriculture or the State Board of Health and
5 administered by a licensed veterinarian or agent of the Department of Health.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-19-305 is amended to read as follows:

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

10 All dogs ~~and cats, cats, and other animals~~ shall be vaccinated against
11 rabies ~~annually or~~ as required by the State Board of Health.

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13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-19-312 is amended to read as follows:

14 20-19-312. State Board of Health's authority to regulate.

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

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

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22 /s/Bledsoe
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