

HOUSE BILL NO. 495

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING RABIES VACCINATIONS FOR CERTAIN DOMESTIC ANIMALS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Rabies vaccination required -- exceptions.** (1) Domestic cats, dogs, and ferrets must be vaccinated against rabies within 30 days after reaching 3 months of age and must be kept vaccinated against rabies by a state-licensed veterinarian in accordance with vaccination recommendations contained in the most recently published edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, published by the centers for disease control and prevention, U.S. department of health and human services. The requirement to vaccinate against rabies applies to cats, dogs, and ferrets that are born in this state or that are brought into this state.

(2) This section does not prohibit or limit a local health board, municipality, or county from establishing by ordinance or resolution requirements for the implementation and enforcement of rabies control that are more stringent than the provisions of this section.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 50, chapter 23, part 1, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 23, part 1, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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