



2017 SENATE BILL 21

February 2, 2017 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, OLSEN, MARKLEIN and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives JACQUE, STEFFEN, JARCHOW, KREMER, GANNON, NYGREN, SPIROS, KERKMAN, TITTL, WICHGERS, GENRICH, MURSAU, BERNIER, E. BROOKS, THIESFELDT, TUSLER and BRANDTJEN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 95.21 (4) (d) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** requirements for
2 law enforcement dogs that have bitten a person.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes changes to the requirements for law enforcement dogs that have bitten a person.

Under current law, a dog that has bitten a person must be quarantined. Current law exempts law enforcement dogs that bite a person while performing law enforcement duties and that are immunized against rabies, but requires the dog to be confined when not performing law enforcement functions until it can be examined by a veterinarian on three separate occasions.

This bill eliminates the requirements that a law enforcement dog that has bitten a person be examined by a veterinarian and that the dog be confined. The bill requires the law enforcement agency to make the dog available for examination at any reasonable time and, if the dog exhibits abnormal behavior, to notify the local health department.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 95.21 (4) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
4 95.21 (4) (d) 2. The quarantine requirement in par. (a) does not apply to a dog
5 that is used by a law enforcement agency and that bites a person while the dog is

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1 performing law enforcement functions if the dog is immunized against rabies as
2 evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence. The law
3 enforcement agency shall have the dog examined by a veterinarian on the day of the
4 incident or the next day, on the 10th day after the incident, and on one intervening
5 day. The law enforcement agency shall ensure that the dog is confined when not
6 performing law enforcement functions until the 3rd examination has been performed
7 make the dog available for examination at any reasonable time. The law
8 enforcement agency shall notify the local health department, as defined in s. 250.01
9 (4), if the dog exhibits any abnormal behavior.

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