



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 232

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 95.21 (2) (a); and **to create** 95.21 (9m) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** sale of rabies vaccine and rabies vaccination of dogs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits the sale of rabies vaccine to a purchaser who is going to administer the rabies vaccine unless the purchaser is a veterinarian.

Under current law, the owner of a dog must have the dog vaccinated against rabies within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age. Under this bill, the owner of a dog must have the dog vaccinated against rabies after the dog reaches 3 months of age and before the dog reaches 5 months of age.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 95.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 95.21 (2) (a) *Requirement for vaccination.* Except as provided in s. 174.054, the
5 owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian ~~within~~
6 30 days after the dog reaches 4 3 months of age and before the dog reaches 5 months
7 of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner
8 obtains the dog or brings the dog into this state after the dog has reached 4 5 months

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1 of age, the owner shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies within 30 days after
2 the dog is obtained or brought into the state unless the dog has been vaccinated as
3 evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination from this state or another
4 state. The owner of a dog shall have the dog revaccinated against rabies by a
5 veterinarian before the date that the immunization expires as stated on the
6 certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within 3 years after the previous
7 vaccination.

8 **SECTION 2.** 95.21 (9m) of the statutes is created to read:

9 95.21 **(9m)** SALE OF RABIES VACCINE. No person may sell or otherwise supply
10 rabies vaccine for administration by the purchaser unless the purchaser is a
11 veterinarian.

12 (END)