



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 217

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 95.21 (2) (a), 95.21 (2) (b), 95.21 (2) (e) and 95.21 (2) (g); and
2 *to create* 95.21 (1) (em) of the statutes; **relating to:** administering rabies
3 vaccinations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an owner of a dog must have the dog vaccinated by a veterinarian against rabies. Current law also allows a certified veterinary technician to perform certain duties under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

This bill allows a certified veterinary technician to administer a rabies vaccination to a dog under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 95.21 (1) (em) of the statutes is created to read:
5 95.21 (1) (em) "Veterinary technician" has the meaning designated under s.
6 453.02 (12).

7 **SECTION 2.** 95.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 217**SECTION 2**

1 95.21 (2) (a) *Requirement for vaccination.* Except as provided in s. 174.054, the
2 owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian or a
3 veterinary technician, pursuant to s. 453.05 (2) (d), at no later than 5 months of age
4 and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains
5 the dog or brings the dog into this state after the dog has reached 5 months of age,
6 the owner shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies within 30 days after the dog
7 is obtained or brought into the state unless the dog has been vaccinated as evidenced
8 by a current certificate of rabies vaccination from this state or another state. The
9 owner of a dog shall have the dog revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian or
10 a veterinary technician, pursuant to s. 453.05 (2) (d), before the date that the
11 immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is
12 specified, within 3 years after the previous vaccination.

13 **SECTION 3.** 95.21 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 95.21 (2) (b) *Issuance of certificate of rabies vaccination.* A veterinarian or a
15 veterinary technician, pursuant to s. 453.05 (2) (d), who vaccinates a dog against
16 rabies shall complete and issue to the owner a certificate of rabies vaccination
17 bearing a serial number and in the form approved by the department stating the
18 owner's name and address, the name, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or
19 unneutered, breed and color of the dog, the date of the vaccination, the type of rabies
20 vaccine administered and the manufacturer's serial number, the date that the
21 immunization expires as specified for that type of vaccine by the center for disease
22 control of the U.S. department of health and human services and the city, village or
23 town where the dog is required to be licensed.

24 **SECTION 4.** 95.21 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 95.21 (2) (e) *Rabies vaccination tag.* After issuing the certificate of rabies
2 vaccination, the veterinarian or a veterinary technician, pursuant to s. 453.05 (2) (d),
3 shall deliver to the owner a rabies vaccination tag of durable material bearing the
4 same serial number as the certificate, the year the vaccination was given and the
5 name, address and telephone number of the supervising veterinarian.

6 **SECTION 5.** 95.21 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 95.21 (2) (g) *Duplicate tag.* The veterinarian or a veterinary technician,
8 pursuant to s. 453.05 (2) (d), may furnish a new rabies vaccination tag with a new
9 serial number to an owner in place of the original tag upon presentation of the
10 certificate of rabies vaccination. The veterinarian or a veterinary technician,
11 pursuant to s. 453.05 (2) (d), shall then indicate the new tag number on the certificate
12 and keep a record in the file.

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