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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
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2005-06

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**Committee on ... Public Health
(AC-PH)**

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- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule**
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(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
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Vote Record Committee on Public Health

Date: 5/18/05

Moved by: Freese

Seconded by: Wasserman

AB 217 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
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- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

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Representative Terri McCormick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Sheldon Wasserman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Tamara Grigsby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Charles Benedict	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Assembly Committee on Public Health

Testimony In support of Assembly Bill 217 May 18, 2005

Thank you Chairperson Hines, and members of the committee for allowing me to speak. My name is Dale Bjorling. I am president of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. In addition to my service as WVMA president, I am the chairperson of the Department of Surgical Science at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine.

The WVMA represents approximately 90 percent of Wisconsin's licensed veterinarians. We ask for your support of Assembly Bill 217 which would allow certified veterinary technicians to give rabies vaccinations. Currently, only licensed veterinarians are allowed to do so.

The reason Wisconsin veterinarians support this measure is we believe the scope of training for technicians is extensive and adequately prepares them to give this important vaccination. Historically, veterinarians used modified live vaccines that were only given intramuscularly. Now only killed vaccines are used and some can be given under the skin.

The primary concern regarding vaccination for rabies is to ensure public health and welfare. Certified veterinary technicians have the skills required to appropriately administer this vaccine, and allowing them to do this will increase the efficiency of performing this vital procedure without compromising public safety, resulting in better service to the public.

Technicians are certified by the state of Wisconsin, and veterinarians are willing to assume responsibilities for any vaccines they administer.

In addition to this bill, as written, we support the Assembly amendment to AB 217 that specifies a "veterinarian must be physically present at the location the vaccine is administered." This adds clarity to the bill and would avoid future misinterpretation of the law.

Thank you for allowing me to speak in support of AB 217.

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WISCONSIN VETERINARY TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATION

**AB 217 Rabies Bill Testimony
Assembly Public Health Committee
May 18, 2005**

Teri Raffel, CVT - Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association Representative

Good morning Committee Chair Hines and committee members. My name is Teri Raffel, I am a Certified Veterinary Technician in the State of Wisconsin and I appear before you today as the Legislative Committee Chair for the Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association. I, on behalf of our association, would like to state our support of Assembly Bill 217 which would allow the administration of the rabies vaccine by a Certified Veterinary Technician.

The role of the veterinary technician in the clinical environment encompasses a multitude of responsibilities. In the most basic of evaluations we provide patient care, assist the veterinarian and protect and educate pet owners and the public.

Provided the CVT in the clinic attended an AVMA accredited program, there are many hours spent learning about and discussing the disease Rabies. Including clinical signs, transmission modes, sample collection and submission, handling and administration of the injection, technician students spend approximately 5 hours of a 17 hours semester long course on this disease.

We support this legislation, first of all, because clearly it is within the scope of our education and profession to provide this service. The hours of education and technical proficiency of technicians certainly qualifies them to administer this vaccine.

Secondly, one of our major functions in the clinic is to assist the veterinarian and insure a smooth running operation. It is much more efficient to have the CVT administer all of the vaccinations, once directed by the veterinarian to do so, to allow the DVM more time with more other patients and surgical cases. By allowing each of us to perform the job for which we were educated, the clinic is a more efficient environment.

Often it is the veterinary technician in the clinic that will take the phone call from the frantic parent who's child has just been bitten by a dog. Calming the parent, explaining the vaccination process both for the pet and the child, is very common occurrence. It has been my experience, that medical professionals have limited knowledge and understanding of the law regarding rabies and dog bites. It is the veterinarians and veterinary technicians that are relied upon to explain the options and requirements in order to protect the public. Also worth mentioning is the number of calls handled concerning wildlife. Many times people will see injured or orphaned wild animals and want to assist the animals. Educating the public about the dangers of interacting with these animals or keeping them as pets, because of their potential for transmitting the disease, is also a responsibility of veterinary technicians.

As with any other task performed by a CVT, it must be a delegated task from the veterinarian. In the event a DVM is not comfortable with the technician performing this service, they simple would not allow them to do so.

We also would like to state that we support the amendment that has been proposed. We feel it adds clarity to the law to state that the veterinarian must be personally present on the premise when the vaccination is administered.

Thank~~x~~ you~~x~~ for allowing me to address you this morning.