



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 108

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 95.21 (2) (title), 95.21 (2) (a), 95.21 (2) (b), 95.21 (2) (c) and 95.21
2 (2) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring rabies vaccination for cats and
3 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the owner of a dog is required to have the dog vaccinated against rabies. This bill requires the owner of a cat to have the cat vaccinated against rabies.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 95.21 (2) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 95.21 (2) (title) **RABIES VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR DOGS AND CATS.**
6 **SECTION 2.** 95.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
7 95.21 (2) (a) *Requirement for vaccination.* Except as provided in s. 174.054, the
8 owner of a dog or cat shall have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies by a
9 veterinarian at no later than 5 months of age and revaccinated within one year after

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

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

10 95.21 (2) (b) *Issuance of certificate of rabies vaccination.* A veterinarian who
11 vaccinates a dog or cat against rabies shall complete and issue to the owner a
12 certificate of rabies vaccination bearing a serial number and in the form approved
13 by the department stating the owner's name and address, the name, sex, spayed or
14 unspayed, neutered or unneutered, breed, and color of the dog or cat, the date of the
15 vaccination, the type of rabies vaccine administered and the manufacturer's serial
16 number, the date that the immunization expires as specified for that type of vaccine
17 by the center for disease control of the U.S. department of health and human
18 services, and the city, village, or town where the dog is required to be licensed or
19 where the cat is kept.

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

21 95.21 (2) (c) *Copies of certificate.* The veterinarian shall keep a copy of each
22 certificate of rabies vaccination in a file maintained for this purpose until the date
23 that the immunization expires or until the dog or cat is revaccinated whichever
24 occurs first.

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

