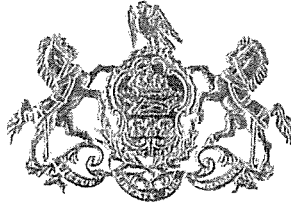


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DATE: September 17, 2012

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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Mike Waugh

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SUBJECT: Request to co-sponsor legislation
Certification of Health for Animal Exhibition

I am introducing legislation to amend Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes regarding the documentation required to exhibit animals at livestock shows.

Under current law, a person may not bring an animal to an exhibition (including county fairs and the PA Farm Show) unless the person has an established "veterinarian-client-patient relationship." The Department of Agriculture has enforced this by requiring an animal exhibitor to fill out a form self-certifying that their animal has such a relationship with a veterinarian.

In light of the fact that many, if not most, animal exhibitors also have a health certificate for their animals (which is signed by a veterinarian certifying the health of the animal), I have heard from a number of exhibitors questioning the need for providing the separate veterinarian-client-patient relationship form. This legislation would clarify that an animal health certificate can be accepted in lieu of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship form. The Department of Agriculture supports this proposal.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Debbie Clark in my office at 787-3817 or delark@pasen.gov.