

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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WIGGINS, WOGAN AND O'DONNELL, FEBRUARY 24, 1987

SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
APRIL 6, 1987

### AN ACT

1 ~~Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the~~ <—  
2 ~~Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the~~  
3 ~~augmentation of the senior judges court of common pleas~~  
4 ~~appropriation with excess funds from the court of common~~  
5 ~~pleas appropriation.~~  
6 AMENDING THE ACT OF DECEMBER 15, 1986 (P.L.1610, NO.181), <—  
7 ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
8 OPERATION OF A STATEWIDE SYSTEM FOR THE PREVENTION AND  
9 CONTROL OF RABIES; IMPOSING ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES ON  
10 THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR  
11 EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS; FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND  
12 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION," PROVIDING FOR VACCINATION OF  
13 ANIMALS IN ANIMAL SHELTERS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE  
14 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ACT.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 ~~Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated~~ <—  
18 ~~Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:~~  
19 ~~§ 3526.1. Augmentation of senior judge appropriation.~~  
20 ~~(a) General rule. Notwithstanding the provisions of section~~  
21 ~~284 of the act of July 2, 1986 (P.L. , No.5A), known as the~~

1 ~~General Appropriation Act of 1986, the court administrator may~~  
2 ~~augment the appropriation for senior judges of the court of~~  
3 ~~common pleas by using funds appropriated for the court of common~~  
4 ~~pleas which are in excess of the needs of that court due to~~  
5 ~~vacancies or suspensions.~~

6 ~~(b) Expiration. This section shall expire June 30, 1987.~~

7 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

8 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 8 AND 15 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 15, 1986 <—  
9 (P.L.1610, NO.181), KNOWN AS THE RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL  
10 IN DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND WILDLIFE ACT, ARE AMENDED TO READ:

11 SECTION 8. VACCINATION REQUIRED; CERTIFICATE AND TAG.

12 (A) REQUIREMENT.--EVERY PERSON LIVING IN THIS COMMONWEALTH,  
13 OWNING OR KEEPING A DOG OR CAT OVER THREE MONTHS OF AGE, SHALL  
14 CAUSE THAT DOG OR CAT TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES. RABIES  
15 VACCINE SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN OR  
16 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN. THE  
17 COMMONWEALTH SHALL RECOGNIZE THE THREE-YEAR RABIES VACCINE AS  
18 THE VACCINE TO BE USED. THOSE ANIMALS VACCINATED AFTER ONE YEAR  
19 OF AGE SHALL GET BOOSTER VACCINATIONS EVERY THREE YEARS  
20 THEREAFTER. THOSE ANIMALS VACCINATED PRIOR TO ONE YEAR OF AGE  
21 WILL BE CONSIDERED PROTECTED FOR ONLY ONE YEAR AND SHALL RECEIVE  
22 A BOOSTER VACCINATION ONE YEAR LATER ON THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF  
23 THE ORIGINAL VACCINATION AND SHALL BE VACCINATED EVERY THREE  
24 YEARS THEREAFTER.

25 (B) OTHER PERSONS.--

26 (1) STATE-LICENSED KENNEL OWNERS AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES  
27 OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
28 (SPCA) WHO HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
29 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY ADMINISTER RABIES VACCINE TO  
30 ANIMALS [OWNED BY THEM] WHICH ARE EITHER OWNED BY THE KENNEL

OWNERS OR WHICH ARE PRESENT AT ANIMAL SHELTERS OPERATED BY  
THE SPCA.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND  
ADMINISTER A COMPREHENSIVE RABIES VACCINATION INSTRUCTION  
PROGRAM ENCOMPASSING A WRITTEN EXAMINATION, WHICH, IF  
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, WILL LEAD TO DEPARTMENTAL  
CERTIFICATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ASSESS A FEE FOR THE  
PROGRAM AND EXAMINATION WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED \$10. ALL FEES  
RECEIVED AND ALL COSTS INCURRED SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN OR  
EXPENDED FROM THE DOG FUND. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE  
ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
SUBSECTION.

(3) STATE-LICENSED KENNEL OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE  
SPCA WHO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION SHALL:

(I) PURCHASE RABIES VACCINE ONLY FROM A LICENSED  
VETERINARIAN OR THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) ADMINISTER THE VACCINE IN AN APPROVED MANNER.

(III) MAINTAIN DETAILED RECORDS FOR AT LEAST THREE  
YEARS WHICH INDICATE:

(A) THE NAME, TYPE, LOT NUMBER, DATE OF PURCHASE  
AND DATE OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE RABIES VACCINE.

(B) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ANIMAL  
VACCINATED.

(C) THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF  
THE PERSON WHO ADMINISTERED THE VACCINE.

(C) CERTIFICATE AND TAG OF VACCINATION.--EVERY LICENSED  
VETERINARIAN WHO VACCINATES A DOG OR CAT AGAINST RABIES SHALL  
ISSUE A VACCINATION CERTIFICATE AND TAG PROVIDED BY THE  
MANUFACTURER TO THE OWNER. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN RABIES  
VACCINATION RECORDS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF

1 LICENSING ANIMALS OR FOR TAXATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNING  
2 ANIMALS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, EACH LICENSED  
3 VETERINARIAN MAY SELECT A VACCINE OF HIS CHOICE AND USE THE  
4 PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTERING IT AS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FEDERAL AGENCY WHICH LICENSES THE  
6 VACCINE.

7 (D) ENFORCEMENT.--IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF EVERY POLICE  
8 OFFICER OR STATE DOG WARDEN OR THE DESIGNATED MUNICIPAL ANIMAL  
9 CONTROL OFFICER TO ISSUE A CITATION TO EVERY PERSON WHO OWNS A  
10 DOG OR CAT WHICH IS NOT VACCINATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) OR  
11 (B).

12 (E) ANIMALS RECEIVED BY SHELTERS.--NOTWITHSTANDING ANY  
13 PROVISION OF THIS ACT, AN SPCA ORGANIZATION OPERATING AN ANIMAL  
14 SHELTER IS NOT REQUIRED TO VACCINATE AN ANIMAL RECEIVED BY THE  
15 SHELTER UNTIL THAT ANIMAL IS ADOPTED AS A PET AND LEAVES THE  
16 SHELTER.

17 (F) CERTAIN ANIMALS ADOPTED AS PETS.--NOTWITHSTANDING ANY  
18 PROVISION OF THIS ACT, ANY VACCINATED ANIMAL UNDER ONE YEAR OF  
19 AGE ADOPTED AS A PET FROM AN ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATED BY THE SPCA  
20 SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE PROTECTED FOR ONE YEAR, AS PROVIDED IN  
21 SUBSECTION (A). ANY VACCINATED ANIMAL ONE YEAR OF AGE OR OLDER  
22 ADOPTED AS A PET SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE PROTECTED FOR THREE  
23 YEARS, AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A).

24 SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE.

25 [THIS] EXCEPT FOR SECTIONS 11 AND 12, WHICH SHALL TAKE EFFECT  
26 JUNE 1, 1987, THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.

27 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL BE RETROACTIVE TO DECEMBER 15,  
28 1986.

29 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.