
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for definitions and for
3 sanitation standards.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "veterinarian-client-patient
7 relationship" in section 2501 of Title 3 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
9 adding definitions to read:

10 § 2501. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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15 "Interstate health certificate." A legible official document
16 that is:

17 (1) made on a form issued by the chief livestock health
18 official of the state of origin or the United States

1 Department of Agriculture;

2 (2) prepared by an accredited veterinarian of the state
3 of origin certifying the health of the animal described in
4 the certificate; and

5 (3) validated by the chief livestock health official of
6 the state of origin.

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8 "Pennsylvania health certificate." A legible official
9 document that is:

10 (1) made on a form (AAI-13) provided by the department;
11 and

12 (2) prepared by an accredited Pennsylvania veterinarian
13 or a representative of the department certifying the health
14 of animals described in the certificate according to the
15 health requirements established under Chapter 23 (relating to
16 domestic animals) and regulations promulgated under Chapter
17 23.

18 "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship." A relationship
19 in which[:

20 (1) the veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for
21 making veterinary medical judgments regarding the health of
22 the animal and the need for veterinary medical treatment; and

23 (2)] the owner or caretaker of the animal has assumed
24 responsibility to consult a veterinarian and has agreed to
25 follow the instructions of the veterinarian in relation to
26 zoonotic diseases and implementing best management practices
27 intended to reduce and prevent diseases.

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29 Section 2. Section 2502(a)(3) of Title 3 is amended to read:
30 § 2502. Sanitation standards.

1 (a) Minimum.--The following sanitation standards are
2 required to minimize the risk of contracting a zoonotic disease
3 at an animal exhibition:

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5 (3) A person may not bring an animal to an animal
6 exhibition unless the person [has an established
7 veterinarian-client-patient relationship.] provides the
8 operator with one of the following:

9 (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii), a
10 valid Pennsylvania health certificate or interstate
11 health certificate.

12 (ii) A signed statement by the person attesting that
13 a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists with
14 regard to each animal to be exhibited, if a Pennsylvania
15 or interstate health certificate is not specifically
16 required under Chapter 23 (relating to domestic animals)
17 and regulations promulgated under Chapter 23.

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19 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.