

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 4, 2013

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 CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY <--
16 INSPECTION." A legible official document that is:

17 (1) made on a form issued by the chief livestock health

1 official of the state of origin or the United States

2 Department of Agriculture;

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

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

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

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

13 (2) prepared by an accredited Pennsylvania veterinarian
14 or a representative of the department certifying the health
15 of animals described in the certificate according to the
16 health requirements established under Chapter 23 (relating to
17 domestic animals) and regulations promulgated under Chapter
18 23.

19 ["Veterinarian-client-patient] "VETERINARIAN CONSULTATION <--
20 relationship." A relationship in which[:

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

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

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

1 § 2502. Sanitation standards.

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

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

10 (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii), a
11 valid Pennsylvania health certificate or interstate
12 health certificate CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION. <--

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

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22 Section 3. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ <--
23 IMMEDIATELY. <--