



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

SB2270

Introduced 1/10/2018, by Sen. Jil Tracy

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 5/8

from Ch. 8, par. 358

Amends the Animal Control Act. Provides that every owner of a cat, that is 4 months or more of age, shall have each cat inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Exempts feral cats. Provides that veterinarians who inoculate a cat shall procure from the County Animal Control in the county where their office is located serially numbered tags, one to be issued with each inoculation certificate. Provides that the county board shall cause a rabies inoculation tag to be issued, at a fee established by the county board for each cat inoculated against rabies.

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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 8 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 5/8) (from Ch. 8, par. 358)

7 Sec. 8. Rabies inoculation. Every owner of a dog or cat, 4  
8 months or more of age, shall have each dog or cat inoculated  
9 against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. This provision shall  
10 not apply to a feral cat as defined in Section 2.11b of this  
11 Act. Every dog or cat shall have a second rabies vaccination  
12 within one year of the first. Terms of subsequent vaccine  
13 administration and duration of immunity must be in compliance  
14 with USDA licenses of vaccines used. A veterinarian immunizing  
15 a dog, cat, or ferret against rabies shall provide the  
16 Administrator of the county in which the dog, cat, or ferret  
17 resides with a certificate of immunization. Evidence of such  
18 rabies inoculation shall be entered on a certificate the form  
19 of which shall be approved by the Board and which shall contain  
20 the microchip number of the dog, cat, or ferret if it has one  
21 and which shall be signed by the licensed veterinarian  
22 administering the vaccine. Only one dog, cat, or ferret shall  
23 be included on each certificate. Veterinarians who inoculate a

1 dog or cat shall procure from the County Animal Control in the  
2 county where their office is located serially numbered tags,  
3 one to be issued with each inoculation certificate. The Board  
4 shall cause a rabies inoculation tag to be issued, at a fee  
5 established by the Board for each dog or cat inoculated against  
6 rabies.

7 Rabies vaccine for use on animals shall be sold or  
8 distributed only to and used only by licensed veterinarians.  
9 Such rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States  
10 Department of Agriculture.

11 If a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a  
12 rabies inoculation would compromise an animal's health, then  
13 the animal shall be exempt from the rabies inoculation  
14 requirement, however, the owner is still responsible for the  
15 tag fees.

16 If a bite occurs from an exempt animal, the exempt animal  
17 shall be treated as an unvaccinated animal. If the animal is  
18 exempt, the animal shall be re-examined by a licensed  
19 veterinarian on no less than an annual basis and be vaccinated  
20 against rabies as soon as the animal's health permits.

21 (Source: P.A. 99-658, eff. 7-28-16.)