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state veterinarian; certified rabies vaccinator

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# SENATE BILL 1194

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-1001, 11-1002, 11-1010, 32-2211 AND 32-2231, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-2240.02; AMENDING SECTION 32-2271, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 11-1001, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 11-1001. Definitions

5 In section 13-1208 and in this article, unless the context otherwise  
6 requires:

7 1. "Animal" means any animal of a species that is susceptible to  
8 rabies, except man.

9 2. "At large" means being neither confined by an enclosure nor  
10 physically restrained by a leash.

11 3. "County board of health" means the duly constituted board of  
12 health of each county.

13 4. "County enforcement agent" means that person in each county who  
14 is responsible for ~~the enforcement of~~ ENFORCING this article and the rules  
15 adopted under this article.

16 5. "County pound" means any establishment THAT IS authorized by the  
17 county board of supervisors ~~for the confinement, maintenance, safekeeping~~  
18 TO CONFINE, MAINTAIN, SAFEKEEP and control of dogs and other animals that  
19 come into the custody of the county enforcement agent in the performance  
20 of ~~his~~ THE COUNTY ENFORCEMENT AGENT'S official duties.

21 6. "Department" means the department of health services.

22 7. "Impound" means the act of taking or receiving into custody by  
23 the county enforcement agent any dog or other animal for the purpose of  
24 confinement in a county pound in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ this  
25 article.

26 8. "Kennel" means an enclosed, controlled area, inaccessible to  
27 other animals, in which a person keeps, harbors or maintains five or more  
28 dogs under controlled conditions.

29 9. "Livestock" means neat animals, horses, sheep, goats, swine,  
30 mules and asses.

31 10. "Owner" means any person ~~keeping~~ WHO KEEPS an animal other than  
32 livestock for more than six consecutive days.

33 11. "Rabies quarantine area" means any area in which a state of  
34 emergency has been declared to exist due to the occurrence of rabies in  
35 animals in or adjacent to this area.

36 12. "Stray dog" means any dog three months of age or older running  
37 at large that is not wearing a valid license tag.

38 13. "Vaccination" means the administration of an ~~anti-rabies~~  
39 ANTIRABIES vaccine to animals by a veterinarian OR BY A RABIES VACCINATOR  
40 WHO IS CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-2240.02.

41 14. "Veterinarian", unless otherwise indicated, means any  
42 veterinarian WHO IS licensed to practice in this state or any veterinarian  
43 WHO IS employed in this state by a governmental agency.

44 15. "Veterinary hospital" means any establishment THAT IS operated  
45 by a veterinarian licensed to practice in this state AND that provides

1 clinical facilities and houses animals or birds for dental, medical or  
2 surgical treatment. A veterinary hospital may have adjacent to it or in  
3 conjunction with it or as an integral part of it pens, stalls, cages or  
4 kennels for quarantine, observation or boarding.

5 16. "Vicious animal" means any animal of the order carnivora that  
6 has a propensity to attack, to cause injury to or to otherwise endanger  
7 the safety of human beings without provocation, ~~or~~ or that has been so  
8 declared after a hearing before a justice of the peace or a city  
9 magistrate.

10 Sec. 2. Section 11-1002, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
11 read:

12 11-1002. Powers and duties; state veterinarian; Arizona  
13 department of agriculture

14 A. The state veterinarian, employed pursuant to section 3-1211,  
15 shall designate the type or types of ~~anti-rabies~~ ANTIRABIES vaccines that  
16 may be used for vaccination of animals, the period of time between  
17 vaccination and revaccination and the dosage and method of administration  
18 of the vaccine.

19 B. THE STATE VETERINARIAN SHALL ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT SECTION  
20 32-2240.02.

21 ~~B.~~ C. The Arizona department of agriculture shall regulate the  
22 handling and disposition of animals classed as livestock that have been  
23 bitten by a rabid or suspected rabid animal or are showing symptoms  
24 suggestive of rabies.

25 Sec. 3. Section 11-1010, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
26 read:

27 11-1010. Antirabies vaccination; vaccination and license  
28 stations

29 A. Before a license is issued for any dog, the owner or a  
30 veterinarian must present a paper or electronic copy or telefacsimile of  
31 the vaccination certificate signed by a veterinarian stating the owner's  
32 name and address, and giving the dog's description, date of vaccination,  
33 manufacturer and serial number of the vaccine used and date revaccination  
34 is due. A duplicate of each rabies vaccination certificate issued shall  
35 be transmitted to the county enforcement agent within two weeks ~~of~~ AFTER  
36 the date the dog was vaccinated. ~~No~~ A dog shall NOT be licensed unless it  
37 is vaccinated in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ this article and the  
38 ~~regulations promulgated~~ RULES ADOPTED pursuant to this article.

39 B. A dog vaccinated in any other state prior to entry into Arizona  
40 may be licensed in Arizona provided that, at the time of licensing, the  
41 owner of the dog presents a vaccination certificate, signed by a  
42 veterinarian licensed to practice in that state or a veterinarian employed  
43 by a governmental agency in that state, stating the owner's name and  
44 address, and giving the dog's description, date of vaccination and type,  
45 manufacturer and serial number of the vaccine used. The vaccination must

1 ~~be in conformity~~ CONFORM with ~~the provisions of~~ this article and the  
2 ~~regulations promulgated~~ RULES ADOPTED pursuant to this article.

3 C. The county enforcement agent shall ~~make provisions~~ PROVIDE for  
4 vaccination clinics as deemed necessary. The vaccination shall be  
5 performed by a veterinarian OR BY A RABIES VACCINATOR WHO IS CERTIFIED IN  
6 THE ADMINISTRATION OF RABIES VACCINES PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-2240.02.

7 Sec. 4. Section 32-2211, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
8 read:

9 32-2211. Exceptions from application of chapter

10 This chapter ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to:

11 1. A commissioned veterinary medical officer of the United States  
12 armed services, ~~or~~ employees of the animal disease eradication division  
13 of the United States department of agriculture.

14 2. A person ~~treating~~ WHO TREATS an animal belonging to ~~himself~~ THE  
15 PERSON or ~~his~~ THE PERSON'S employer while in the regular service of ~~such~~  
16 THAT employer, ~~or~~ the animal of another without compensation ~~therefor~~.  
17 Animals consigned by their legal owner for feeding or care to consignment  
18 livestock operations shall be considered to be the property of the  
19 consignee.

20 3. A licensed veterinarian of another state or foreign country  
21 ~~consulting~~ WHO CONSULTS with a licensed veterinarian in this state.

22 4. A veterinary student who performs acts of health care or  
23 prescribed veterinary procedures as a part of the VETERINARY student's  
24 educational experience if both of the following apply:

25 (a) The acts are assigned by a licensed veterinarian or a licensed  
26 veterinary faculty member who is responsible for the animal's care.

27 (b) The VETERINARY student works under the direct supervision of a  
28 licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary faculty member.

29 5. A veterinary assistant WHO IS employed by a licensed  
30 veterinarian ~~performing~~ AND WHO PERFORMS duties other than diagnosis,  
31 prognosis, prescription or surgery under the direct supervision or  
32 indirect supervision of ~~such~~ THE LICENSED veterinarian who ~~shall be~~ IS  
33 responsible for ~~such~~ THE VETERINARY assistant's performance.

34 6. A RABIES VACCINATOR WHO IS CERTIFIED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
35 RABIES VACCINES PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-2240.02.

36 Sec. 5. Section 32-2231, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
37 read:

38 32-2231. Acts constituting the practice of veterinary  
39 medicine; exceptions; definitions

40 A. A person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine,  
41 surgery and dentistry within the meaning of this chapter who, within this  
42 state:

1           1. By advertisement, or by any notice, sign or other indication, or  
2 by a statement written, printed or oral, in public or in private, made,  
3 done or procured by ~~himself~~ THE PERSON or any other at ~~his~~ THE PERSON'S  
4 request claims, announces, makes known or pretends ability or willingness  
5 to diagnose any animal condition, disease, deformity, defect, wound or  
6 injury or to perform any type of surgical procedure on animals.

7           2. Advertises or makes known or claims ability and willingness to  
8 perform the following for hire, fee, compensation or reward that is  
9 directly or indirectly promised, offered, expected, received or accepted:

10           (a) Prescribe or administer any drug, medicine, treatment, method  
11 or practice for any animal.

12           (b) Perform any operation or manipulation on or apply any apparatus  
13 or appliance to any animal.

14           (c) Give any instruction or demonstration for the cure,  
15 amelioration, correction or reduction or modification of any animal  
16 condition, disease, deformity, defect, wound or injury.

17           3. Diagnoses or prognosticates any animal condition, disease,  
18 deformity, defect, wound or injury for hire, fee, reward or compensation  
19 that is directly or indirectly promised, offered, expected, received or  
20 accepted.

21           4. Prescribes or administers any drug, medicine, treatment, method  
22 or practice, performs any operation or manipulation, or applies any  
23 apparatus or appliance for the cure, amelioration, correction or  
24 modification of any animal condition, disease, deformity, defect, wound or  
25 injury for hire, fee, compensation or reward that is directly or  
26 indirectly promised, offered, expected, received or accepted.

27           B. This section does not apply to:

28           1. Duly authorized representatives of the United States department  
29 of agriculture in the discharge of any duty authorized by the director in  
30 charge of the animal disease eradication division.

31           2. A certified veterinary technician performing a task or function  
32 authorized by the rules of the board in the employ of and under the  
33 direction, supervision and control of a licensed veterinarian or a  
34 licensed veterinary faculty member.

35           3. An equine dental practitioner if all of the following apply:

36           (a) The equine dental practitioner is certified by the  
37 international association of equine dentistry or the academy of equine  
38 dentistry.

39           (b) The equine dental practitioner performs any of the following  
40 procedures under the general supervision of a licensed veterinarian:

41           (i) The application of any apparatus used to work on the oral  
42 cavity.

43           (ii) The examination of dental conditions.

1 (iii) The removal of overgrowth from the teeth of horses and the  
2 removal of sharp enamel points from the teeth of horses, excluding any  
3 extractions unless the certified equine dental practitioner is under the  
4 direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

5 (iv) Any treatment of the oral cavity as authorized by the animal's  
6 owner, excluding any extractions unless the certified equine dental  
7 practitioner is under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

8 (c) The equine dental practitioner provides both of the following  
9 to the board:

10 (i) Proof of current certification from the international  
11 association of equine dentistry or the academy of equine dentistry.

12 (ii) A written statement signed by the supervising veterinarian  
13 that the certified equine dental practitioner will be under the general or  
14 direct supervision of the licensed veterinarian when performing the  
15 procedures prescribed by this paragraph.

16 (d) Both the supervising veterinarian and the certified equine  
17 dental practitioner maintain dental charts for procedures done pursuant to  
18 this paragraph.

19 4. A veterinary student who performs acts of health care or  
20 prescribed veterinary procedures as a part of the student's educational  
21 experience if both of the following apply:

22 (a) The acts are assigned by a licensed veterinarian or a licensed  
23 veterinary faculty member who is responsible for the animal's care.

24 (b) The student works under the direct supervision of a licensed  
25 veterinarian or a licensed veterinary faculty member.

26 5. A RABIES VACCINATOR WHO IS CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
27 32-2240.02.

28 C. Notwithstanding subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section, only  
29 a licensed veterinarian and not an equine dental practitioner may  
30 prescribe or administer, or both prescribe and administer, any drug or  
31 medicine.

32 D. For the purposes of this section:

33 1. "Direct supervision" means a licensed veterinarian must  
34 authorize and be physically present for the procedure.

35 2. "General supervision" means a licensed veterinarian must be  
36 available for consultation by telephone or other form of immediate  
37 communication.

38 Sec. 6. Title 32, chapter 21, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
39 is amended by adding section 32-2240.02, to read:

40 32-2240.02. Certified rabies vaccinators; training; renewal

41 A. A LICENSED VETERINARIAN MAY APPOINT A PERSON WHO IS NOT A  
42 VETERINARIAN LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-2212 AS A CERTIFIED RABIES  
43 VACCINATOR TO ADMINISTER RABIES VACCINES ON THE PREMISES OF A SHELTER OR  
44 ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION FACILITY THAT IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH A  
45 POPULATION OF LESS THAN FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS OR A CENSUS COUNTY

1 DIVISION WITH LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PERSONS IN A COUNTY WITH A  
2 POPULATION OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS OR MORE IF A LICENSED  
3 VETERINARIAN IS NOT AVAILABLE.

4 B. THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHO MADE THE APPOINTMENT SHALL PROVIDE  
5 IN-PERSON TRAINING TO EACH PERSON APPOINTED TO ADMINISTER RABIES VACCINES  
6 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF  
7 THIS TRAINING, THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHO MADE THE APPOINTMENT SHALL  
8 CERTIFY IN WRITING THAT THE PERSON HAS DEMONSTRATED THE KNOWLEDGE AND  
9 SKILLS ACCEPTABLE TO ADMINISTER RABIES VACCINES.

10 C. INITIAL CERTIFICATION OF RABIES VACCINATORS UNDER THIS SECTION  
11 IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR. SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE  
12 VALID FOR TWO YEARS AND MUST BE RENEWED AS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE  
13 VETERINARIAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 11-1002.

14 D. THE CERTIFIED RABIES VACCINATOR SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS OF ALL  
15 VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED FOR THREE YEARS AND SHALL NOTIFY THE  
16 VETERINARIAN WHO MADE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY ADVERSE EVENTS.

17 E. A LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHO APPOINTS A CERTIFIED RABIES  
18 VACCINATOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN BY A CERTIFIED RABIES  
19 VACCINATOR IN THE COURSE OF ADMINISTERING A RABIES VACCINE.

20 Sec. 7. Section 32-2271, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
21 read:

22 32-2271. License required; premises; inspections; exemption

23 A. A person shall not provide veterinary services, including  
24 diagnosis, treatment, dentistry, surgery or dispensing prescription-only  
25 veterinary drugs, to the public without a license issued by the board.

26 B. A premises license shall be for a fixed location where a  
27 veterinarian retains the records of a veterinary practice, stores  
28 veterinary equipment or offers veterinary services to the public. A  
29 responsible veterinarian who holds a premises license may provide  
30 veterinary services to the public at the licensed fixed location and any  
31 temporary site in this state at which adequate equipment and sanitation  
32 are available considering the type of veterinary medical services  
33 provided. A veterinarian shall obtain a separate premises license for  
34 each fixed location at which veterinary services are regularly offered to  
35 the public. The responsible veterinarian may authorize other licensed  
36 veterinarians to provide services to the public pursuant to the  
37 responsible veterinarian's veterinary premises license. Both the  
38 responsible veterinarian and the veterinarian who provides the veterinary  
39 services shall maintain records of the veterinary services provided and  
40 ensure that adequate equipment and sanitation are available.

41 C. The board shall inspect all fixed locations before issuing a  
42 premises license. Adequate equipment and sanitation shall be available  
43 for use at any location which is necessary to provide the range of  
44 veterinary services which the veterinarian proposes to offer.

1           D. The board may inspect any site at which a veterinarian offers  
2 veterinary services to the public.

3           E. This section does not apply to ~~county-sponsored~~ county-sponsored  
4 rabies vaccination clinics, ~~veterinarians~~ PERSONS WHO ARE exempt under  
5 section 32-2211 and veterinarians licensed under section 32-2217.