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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1629

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE RABIES CONTROL ACT RELATED TO THE CONFINEMENT OF AN ANIMAL WHEN A PERSON IS BITTEN TO ALLOW AN OWNER TO CONFINE AN ANIMAL WHO HAS RECEIVED A CURRENT VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE RABIES CONTROL ACT RELATED TO THE CONFINEMENT OF AN ANIMAL WHEN A PERSON IS BITTEN TO ALLOW AN OWNER TO CONFINE AN ANIMAL WHO HAS RECEIVED A CURRENT VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-19-307(a), concerning the confinement of an animal when a person is bitten within the Rabies Control Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Whenever the health authorities, county sheriff's office, or municipal police officers in cooperation with health authorities receive information that any person has been bitten by a dog, cat, or other animal that has not received a current vaccination against rabies or it is unknown if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a vaccination against rabies, these local public officials acting in cooperation shall have the dog or other animal confined and observed.

(B) If the dog, cat, or other animal has received a



current vaccination against rabies and the owner provides proof of the current vaccination, the owner may confine and observe the dog, cat, or other animal.

(2) If there is no local facility available for confining the dog, cat, or other animal that has not received a current vaccination against rabies or it is unknown if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a vaccination against rabies, it shall be the owner's responsibility to make satisfactory arrangements or to prepare a facility for the purpose of confinement.

/s/Magie

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