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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1676

By: Representative Beaty Jr.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CERTAIN DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES AND TESTING RELATED TO ANIMALS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CANINE BRUCELLOSIS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CERTAIN DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES AND TESTING RELATED TO ANIMALS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CANINE BRUCELLOSIS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-33-111(a), concerning Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission rules concerning services performed by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission may promulgate rules concerning services performed by the Arkansas ~~Livestock and Poultry Commission~~ Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 2-40-110(a), concerning requirements if a dog tests positive for canine brucellosis, is amended to read as follows:



(a)(1) If a dog tests positive for canine brucellosis, the owner shall:

(A) Report the test results to the ~~Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission~~ Department of Agriculture;

(B) Immediately have the dog neutered, spayed, or euthanized; and

(C) Immediately test all other sexually intact dogs on the premises for canine brucellosis.

(2) If the owner is unknown, then the person having custody of the dog shall comply with this section.

(3) The sale or adoption of sexually intact dogs from a positive premises is prohibited.

(4) A dog that has tested positive for canine brucellosis and that has been neutered or spayed shall have a subsequent negative test before leaving the premises.

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